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Chickenpox cases in NMI up

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. is seeing an increase in the number of chickenpox cases within the CNMI, according to a CHCC news release yesterday. Since June 15, 2022, there have been seven reported cases of chickenpox, it added.

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NASA space telescope's 1st cosmic view goes deep

By SETH BORENSTEIN
AP SCIENCE WRITER

Our view of the universe just expanded: The first image from NASA's new space telescope unveiled Monday is brimming with galaxies and offers the deepest look of the cosmos ever captured.

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- **Blue**
- **Green:** Safest

Source: Office of the Governor

This image provided by NASA on Monday, July 11, 2022, shows galaxy cluster SMACS 0723, captured by the James Webb Space Telescope.

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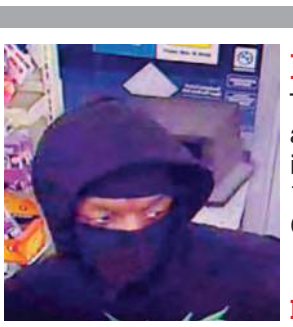

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Local

New law allots $151K for pending Precinct 1 projects

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A House local bill re-appropriating Precinct 1 fund balances totaling over $151,000 for other pending projects in the community has now been enacted into law.

Senate President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), in his capacity as acting governor, recently signed into law House Local Bill 22-32 into Saipan Local Law 22-12. It was authored by Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan), Joseph A.Flores (Ind-Saipan), and Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero (R-Saipan).

Guerrero

Flores

Demapan

The bill was introduced on April 27, 2022 and passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation last June 3.

The bill re-appropriates $1,016 and $12 allotted under Saipan Local Law 19-2; $16,000 allotted under Saipan Local Law 19-24; $13,173 allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-04; and $42,059 and $79,171 allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26. This brings the re-appropriated funds to a combined total of $151,431.

Of that amount, $55,232 will supplement funds to mitigate flooding at the intersection of Tun Thomas Sablan Road and Batto PI.

The remaining $96,199 is for the construction, renovation, and/or repair of speed bumps, bus shelters, restrooms, basketball courts, and the installation of street lights and traffic signage within Precinct 1 on Saipan.

The Department of Public Works is the expenditure authority of the $151,431.

The funding came from revenues collected from the poker fees and exclusive gaming annual license fees allotted to Saipan.

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CLASS OF 1990 DONATION
As Mount Carmel School prepares for school year 2022-2023, her AlumKnight Class of 1990 recently donated $5,000 in support of the school's facilities master plan. Beyond this donation, the AlumKnight Class of 1990 has also supported their alma mater by providing a $1,000 scholarship for a deserving college-bound senior since 2017. In the photo, from left, includes the class of 1990 AlumKnights William Hunter, John S. Blanco, Donna Flores, MCS acting president Frances T. Taimanao, MCS board of directors chair Vicente Babauta, Betty Terlaje, Nerissa Benavente, Lynette Villagomez, and MCS director of institutional development Victoria Deleon Guerrero. MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL

HSEM opens new office on Capital Hill

The CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management announced the opening of its new office on Capitol Hill on July 1, 2022. The new office is located just south on Capitol Hill Drive and east on Yap Drive, Building 1237. The hours of operation will continue to remain the same: Monday - Friday (7:30am - 4:30pm).

Given the mission to continue growing strategically and expanding, the new office space is the perfect size to accommodate the growing team. The office location provides a new look and feel for a more creative, vibrant, and comfortable environment for both staff and clients. It has larger workspaces, a revamped conference room, spacious reception, and is located in a prime location. The past few years have been filled with many achievements for Grants and Finance, and with a new location signifies the start of a new chapter.

By the end of July, the CNMI Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management will have completed renovations at their Emergency Operations Center and all command buildings, in order to maximize space and inventory among staff and other members of the agency. Temporarily closed and situated at the Kanoa Alternative Care Site, it is all a part of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' infrastructure development and to ensure efficiency and effectiveness of services rendered to the people of the CNMI.

The EOC will be built to follow current regulations, providing employees flexibility for tasks that require space and upholding agency standards by law, according to the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970: "To ensure that employees work in a safe and healthful environment by setting and enforcing standards, and by providing training, outreach, education, and assistance. Employers must comply with all applicable OSHA standards."

"With the expansion and transformation of all command buildings changing workforce, especially for our team, the improvements for HSEM will include modernized and expanded rooms and facilities to address critical needs now and for the years to come. From equipment and desk furniture to overall office surroundings, it ensures our staff have proper working conditions, along with preventing…hazards in the workplace," said Dennis C. Mendiola, special assistant for Homeland Security and Emergency Management. ***(PR)***

YC lauds NMPMG organizing committee, officials, athletes

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The CNMI Youth Congress adopted Friday a commemorative resolution commending the organizing committee, officials, and CNMI athletes for their outstanding effort in organizing, facilitating, and competing in the 2022 Pacific Mini Games last June 17 to 25.

During the Youth Congress' special session in the House of Representatives chamber, Youth Sen. Easton Joel C. Dela Cruz introduced Y.C. Resolution No.18-09. Three other Youth Congress senators—Cielo Citalli Gutierrez Long, YuriHana Deleon Guerrero Sasamoto, and Abriette Patience Taimanao Manglona—agreed to place the resolution on calendar for adoption as a whole. All four senators voted for its adoption.

Dela Cruz stated in the resolution that from the moment when the CNMI was awarded in July 2014 the right to host the 2022 Pacific Mini Games, the CNMI's civic leaders and sports officials worked in preparing the Commonwealth to welcome the athletes and officials of the participating nations to the Marianas shores. The CNMI was awarded the hosting duties at the annual Pacific Games Council General Assembly in Papua New Guinea last 2014.

Suring the entire planning stages, the CNMI was faced with many challenges that jeopardized the hosting of the Games such as the destruction of the islands' sporting facilities by Super Typhoon Soudelor in 2015 and Super Typhoon Yutu in 2018, and a massive health scare from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite these great adversities, Dela Cruz said that CNMI leaders and the Pacific Games Council maintained their commitment to proceed with the Games, with its date moved from June 2021 to June 2022.

On June 17, 2021, the launch of the countdown to the 2022 Pacific Mini Games began, with the event adopting the tagline: "Rising Up to the Challenge" as its official theme.

In this file photo taken during the inauguration of the 18th CNMI Youth Congress in the Senate chamber on May 15, 2021, Youth Sen. Easton Joel Cabrera Dela Cruz poses in a group photo with the other members of the Youth Congress, from left, YuriHana Deleon Guerrero Sasamoto, Abriette Patience Taimanao Manglona, Cielo Citlalli Gutierrez Long, and Liekeila'akata Tapua'ialupe Iakopo.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Last June 17, the 2022 11th Pacific Games, the 11th version of the Games, opened on Saipan with over 1,000 delegates, both athletes and officials, parading the cheers of local and visiting spectators. Through the nine-day event, athletes competed in athletics, badminton, baseball, beach volleyball, golf, tennis, triathlon, xa'a (outrigger canoe racing), and weightlifting. Each sport's venues were spread across Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Dela Cruz said that over 400 individual and team medals were awarded, with the CNMI placing third in the overall medal tally with a final count of 38 (gold-16, silver-13, bronze-9) medals.

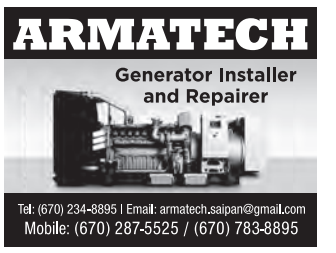
Dela Cruz said it was the Commonwealth's best showing at the Games since 1981.

Last June 25, the 11th Pacific Mini Games concluded with the extinguishing of the Games' cauldron and the presentation of the Pacific Mini Games flag to the Republic of Palau, which will host the 12th Pacific Mini Games.

The leadership of the Pacific Games Council commended the Northern Marianas' Pacific Games Organizing Committee, their staff, and volunteers for a spectacular job of hosting the event despite tremendous adversity in front of them.

Dela Cruz said the Youth Congress shall present a certified copy of the resolution to Marco Taisakan Peter and Vicente Manglona Babauta Jr., chairman and chief executive officer, respectively, of the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games Organizing Committee.

The Pacific Mini Games, a scaled-down version of the larger Pacific Games, have been a quadrennial sporting event for over 40 years and is attended by many of the countries of Oceania.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There will be a scheduled water service interruption on Monday, July 18, 2022, from 8:30am to 12:30pm for Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers in Fina Sisu along Chalan Tun Antonio Apa Road, Tun Joaquin Doi Road and portions of As Perdido.

The scheduled water service interruption is to allow CUC water operations personnel to repair a 2- inch leak on the main service lateral. Customers should expect restoration of water services soon after the repairs.

For more information, contact the CUC Hotline (236-4333) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/). ***(PR)***

US territories seek non-voting US Senate seats

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) is co-sponsor of a legislation that would provide for nonvoting delegates to the U.S. Senate to represent the CNMI, Guam, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Delegate Michael F. Q. San Nicolas (D-GU) is the main author of H.R. 6941. The bill, which is also co-authored by, Washington, D.C. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, and U.S. Virgin Islands Delegate Stacey Plaskett, was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

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The 28-member strong Congressional Hispanic Caucus reportedly endorsed the bill, known as the Territorial Representation in the Senate Act.

Under the bill, the local legislature of each territory shall determine whether the territory will be represented by a nonvoting delegate in the U.S. Senate.

When asked for comments, Sablan said last night that it is their intention that the bill progress for passage in the House.

The delegate shall be elected at large and by a popularity of the votes cast for the office of delegate. The term of the delegate shall commence on the 3rd day of January following the date of the election.

Until the Senate rules are amended to provide otherwise, the delegate from the territory shall receive the same compensation, allowances, and benefits as a member of the Senate.

The delegate shall be entitled to whatever privileges and immunities are, may be, granted to any other Senate member, except that he or she shall be nonvoting on final Senate votes.

NASA

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The first image from the $10 billion James Webb Space Telescope is the farthest humanity has ever seen in both time and distance, closer to the dawn of time and the edge of the universe. That image will be followed Tuesday by the release of four more galactic beauty shots from the telescope's initial outward gazes.

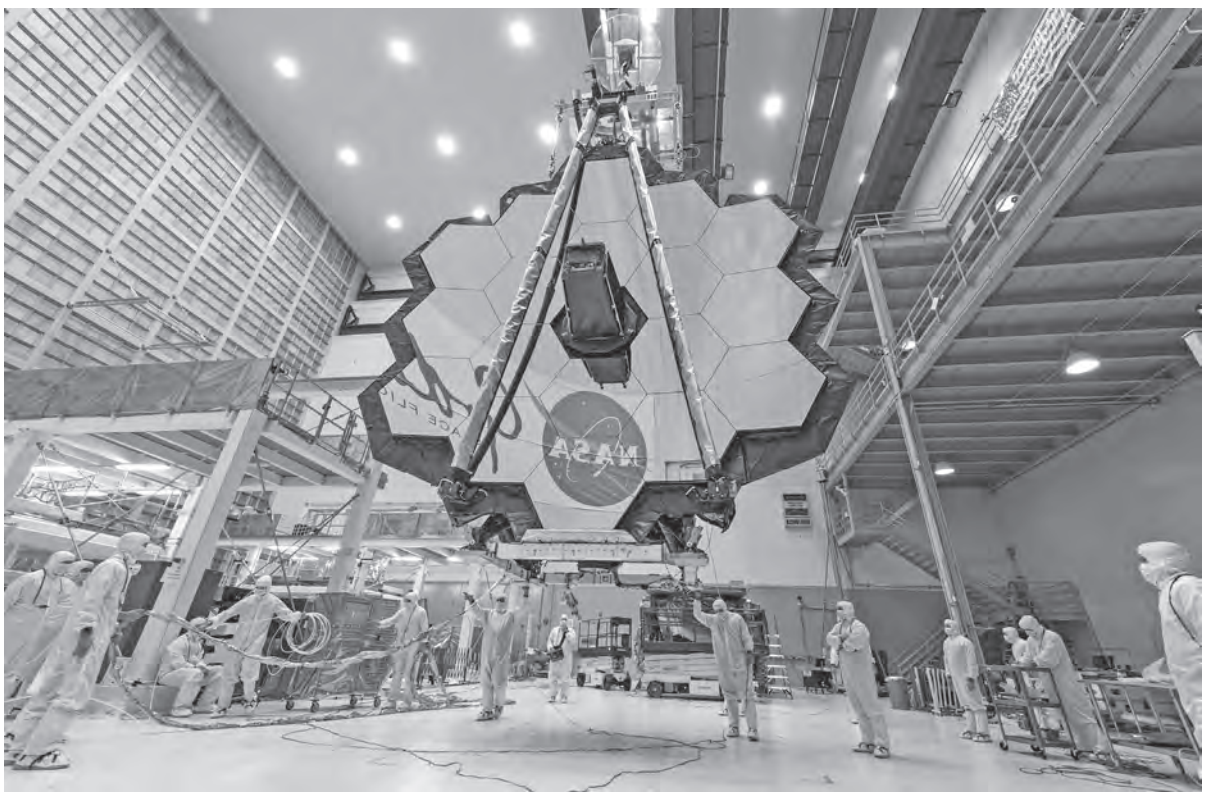
The "deep field" image released during a brief White House event is filled with lots of stars, with massive galaxies in the foreground and faint and extremely distant galaxies peeking through here and there. Part of the image is light from not too long after the Big Bang, which was 13.8 billion years ago.

President Joe Biden marveled at the image that he said showed "the oldest documented light in the history of the universe from over 13 billion—let me say that again—13 billion years ago. It's hard to fathom."

The busy image with hundreds of specks, streaks, spirals and swirls of white, yellow, orange and red is only "one little speck of the universe," NASA Administrator Bill Nelson said.

"What we saw today is the early universe," Harvard astronomer Dimitar Sasselov said in a phone interview after the reveal.

Sasselov said he and his colleague Charles Alcock first thought "we've seen this before." Then they looked closer at the image and pronounced the result not only beautiful but "worth all that waiting" for the much-delayed project.


In this April 13, 2017, photo provided by NASA, technicians lift the mirror of the James Webb Space Telescope using a crane at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md. NASA is releasing the first images from the new telescope this week.
LAURA BETZ/NASA

And even more is coming Tuesday. The pictures on tap include a view of a giant gaseous planet outside our solar system, two images of a nebula where stars are born and die in spectacular beauty and an update of a classic image of five tightly clustered galaxies that dance around each other.

The world's biggest and most powerful space telescope rocketed away last December from French Guiana in South America. It reached its lookout point 1 million miles (1.6 million kilometers) from Earth in January. Then the lengthy process began to align the mirrors, get the infrared detectors cold enough to operate and calibrate the science instruments, all protected by a sunshade the size of a tennis court that keeps the telescope cool.

The plan is to use the telescope to peer back so far that scientists will get a glimpse of the early days of the universe about 13.7 billion years ago and zoom in on closer cosmic objects, even our own solar system, with sharper focus.

How far back past 13 billion years did that first image look? NASA didn't provide any estimate Monday. Outside scientists said those calculations will take time, but they are fairly certain somewhere in the busy image is a galaxy older than humanity has ever seen, probably back to 500 million or 600 million years after the Big Bang.

"It takes a little bit of time to dig out those galaxies," University of California, Santa Cruz, astrophysicist Garth Illingworth said. "It's the things you almost can't see here, the tiniest little red dots."

"This is absolutely spectacular, absolutely amazing," he added. "This is everything we've dreamed of in a telescope like this."

Webb is considered the successor to the highly successful, but aging Hubble Space Telescope. Hubble has stared as far back as 13.4 billion years. It found the light wave signature of an extremely bright galaxy in 2016. Astronomers measure how far back they look in light-years with one light-year being 5.8 trillion miles (9.3 trillion kilometers).

"Webb can see backwards in time to just after the Big Bang by looking for galaxies that are so far away that the light has taken many billions of years to get from those galaxies to our telescopes," said Jonathan Gardner, Webb's deputy project scientist said during a June media briefing.

The deepest view of the cosmos "is not a record that will stand for very long," project scientist Klaus Pontopidan said during the briefing, since scientists are expected to use the Webb telescope to go even deeper.

At 21 feet (6.4 meters), Webb's gold-plated, flower-shaped mirror is the biggest and most sensitive ever sent into space. It's comprised of 18 segments, one of which was smacked by a bigger than anticipated micrometeoroid in May. Four previous micrometeoroid strikes to the mirror were smaller. Despite the impacts, the telescope has continued to exceed mission requirements, with barely any data loss, according to NASA.

NASA is collaborating on Webb with the European and Canadian space agencies.

CHICKENPOX

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According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, chickenpox is a highly contagious disease caused by the varicella-zoster virus. The virus spreads easily from people with chickenpox to others who have never had the disease or never been vaccinated. The virus spreads mainly through close contact with someone who has chickenpox or shingles.

Chickenpox vaccination

The best way to prevent chickenpox is to get the chickenpox vaccine. Call the CHCC Immunization Program at (670) 236-8745 to ensure that you or your loved ones are up to date with their vaccinations. The CDC recommends two doses of chickenpox vaccine for children, adolescents, and adults. Children should receive two doses of the vaccine—the first dose at 12 through 15 months old and a second dose at 4 through 6 years old.

People with active or recently diagnosed chickenpox should inform their family or friends to stay up to date with their vaccinations or inform health officials of their contact information so they may be properly treated.

Most children do not have any side effects from the chickenpox vaccine shot. The side effects that do occur are usually mild, and may include soreness, redness, or swelling where the shot was given; fever; mild rash; and temporary pain and stiffness in the joints.

Chickenpox symptoms

Chickenpox illness usually lasts about four to seven days, and children usually miss five to six days of school or childcare due to chickenpox. A person with chicken pox is contagious until all of the rash has scabbed or crusted over.

The classic symptom of chickenpox is a rash that turns into itchy, fluid-filled blisters that eventually turn into scabs. Other typical symptoms that may begin to appear one to two days before rash include: fever, tiredness, loss of appetite, and headache.

Chickenpox treatment

There are several things that you can do at home to help relieve chickenpox symptoms and prevent skin infections. Calamine lotion and a cool bath with added baking soda, uncooked oatmeal, or colloidal oatmeal may help relieve some of the itching.

Try to keep fingernails trimmed short and minimize scratching to prevent the virus from spreading to others and to help prevent skin breakage and skin infections. If you do scratch a blister by accident, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Do not use aspirin or aspirin-containing products to relieve fever from chickenpox. The use of aspirin in children with chickenpox has been associated with Reye's syndrome, a severe disease that affects the liver and brain and can cause death. Instead, use non-aspirin medications, such as acetaminophen, to relieve fever from chickenpox. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends avoiding treatment with ibuprofen if possible because it has been associated with life-threatening bacterial skin infections.

When to seek medical care

It is important that you call your health care provider before visiting. For people exposed to chickenpox, call a health care provider if the person:

- Has never had chickenpox and is not vaccinated with the chickenpox vaccine
- Is less than 1 year old
- Is pregnant
- Has a lowered ability to fight germs and sickness (weakened immune system).

If these individuals get chickenpox, it can lead to more serious illness. If you are experiencing a medical emergency, call 911, especially if you develop any of the following symptoms:

- Fever that lasts longer than four days
- Fever that rises above 102 degrees Fahrenheit (38.9 degrees Celsius)
- Any areas of the rash or any part of the body becomes very red, warm, or tender, or begins leaking pus (thick, discolored fluid), as these symptoms may indicate a bacterial infection;
- Difficulty waking up or confused behavior
- Difficulty walking
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to lease certain public land in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

i. The proposed lease of public landis described as Lot No. 126 D 01 containing an area of approximately 4,449 square meters, more or less, situated in Navy Hill, Saipan. A copy of the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands and website www.dpl.gov.mp for inspection.

ii. The prospective lessee is Creative Capital Corporation The lists of officers for Creative Capital Corporation are Angelina L. Villagomez President, Vice President/Secretary/Treasurer MA Rosario De La Torre.

iii. The proposed lease is compliant with DPL regulations and was negotiated by Ms. Angelina L. Villagomez.

iv. The lessee shall use the premises solely for the purpose of Childhood Education and Care Center.

The term of the public land lease agreement is 40 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term of the lease agreement is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the property.

v. A copy of the proposed lease agreement may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the JoetenDandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; 1st floor of the De'Ana Commercial Building, Songsong Village, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian. A copy will also be available online at www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. The Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public land in ***Navy Hill, Saipan***.

vii. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before, July 15, 2022 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

NUTISIA PUT I MAPROPONI NA ATKILON TÅNU´ PUPBLIKU

Sigun gi Seksiona 106 (b) gi Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku mannånå'i nutisia guini put i intension-ñiha para u ma'atkila metton na tanu' pupbliku giya Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Mariånas. Maseha håyi na pattidå intirisao gi halum hinirårt pupbliku siña muna'hålum upiñon, infotmasion, pat testimoniun kinontra gi tinahguin prinoponi siha para i atkilon nu i tanu' pupbliku. Komu mapribeni mås mo'na ginen i Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i tinattitiyi pettanesi na infotmasion manisisita para u mapupblika.

i. I maproponi na atkilon tanu' pupbliku madiskribi komu Lot 126 D 01 ni kunsissisti kåsi 4,449 square meters, ni gaigi gi hålum Navy Hill, iya Saipan. I kopian påttin i lugåt managuaha gi ufisinan Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku yan gi website i www.dpl.gov.mp para inspeksion.

ii. I prospective lessee i Creative Capital Corporation. I listan nu ufisiåt siha para i Creative Capital Corporation sa si Angelina L. Villagomez, komu Presidenti, Sigunda Presidenti/Sekritåria/Tresåriu si MA Rosario De La Torre.

iii. I maproponi na atkilon ha tattiyi i regulasion DPL siha yan ginen manegosiu ni as Siñorita Angelina L. Villagomez.

iv. I lessee debi na u usa i lugåt put atyu ha' na rason nu "Childhood Education" yan "Care Center".

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v. I kopian i maproponi na kuntråtan atkilon siña machuli' gi ufisinan i Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku, ni gaigi gi sigundu (2nd) na bibiendan i Joeten Dandan Commercial Building giya Dandan, Saipan, primet (1st) na bibiendan i De'Ana Commercial Building, giya Songsong Village, Luta; pat i primet (1st) na bibiendan nu i Kings Commercial Building, giya Tini'an. I kopia debi lokkui' na u managuaha online gi www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. I Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku tåya marisibi ni håfa na tinahguin inofresi siha ni para u ma'atkila i suhetu na tanu' pupbliku gi ***Navy Hill, Saipan.***

vii. I Sekritåriun Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku debi na u aksepta tinigi' upiñon, infotmasion, testimoniun kinontra pat tinahguin prinoponi siha ginin i manintirisåo na pattida siha gi pat åntis di Hulio 15, 2022, gi ufisinan Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha ni gaigi giya Sa'ipan, Luta pat Tini'an.

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Australia foreign minister urges Pacific neighbors to unite

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Australia's foreign minister on Tuesday urged Pacific island neighbors to unite on their shared challenges of U.S.-China strategic competition, climate change and COVID-19.

Foreign Minister Penny Wong addressed reporters in the Fijian capital Suva ahead of a leaders' summit of the Pacific Islands Forum.

Wong

She said Pacific leaders have talked with her about the challenges of climate change and COVID-19 — "which have fallen harder on this region than on many other parts of the world and, of course, strategic competition," Wong said.

"All the nations are seeking to navigate those challenges. And we do it best when we can do it together," she added.

Australia and New Zealand are the wealthiest forum nations and share a concern over a security pact signed this year between China and the Solomon Islands.

The Micronesian state of Kiribati has reportedly split from the 18-nation body in a major blow to regional unity.

Wong said the "door remains open" to Kiribati returning.

Both the Solomon Islands and Kiribati recently changed their diplomatic recognition from Taiwan to Beijing. Kiribati's withdrawal from the forum is being interpreted as a deepening of China's influence in the region.

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, who arrived Monday in Fiji, described Kiribati's withdrawal as "disappointing."

Australian Defense Minister Richard Marles said in a speech in Washington, D.C., that Australia and the Unites States will need to do more to counter a growing number of threats in the Indo-Pacific region.

He said China's rise had complicated issues across the Pacific and that Australia and the United States would have to work more closely together in coming years.

"We can't afford to stand still, because in the years ahead the U.S.-Australia alliance will not only have to operate in a much more strategic environment in the Indo-Pacific, it will need to contribute to a more effective balance of military power aimed at avoiding a catastrophic failure of deterrence," Marles said.

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, who will travel to Fiji on Wednesday, said his government was committed to spend at least 2% of Australia's gross domestic production on defense.

"National security and our security in the Indo-Pacific is about more than just defense spending. And tomorrow I'll be traveling to the Pacific Islands Forum, where our neighbors in the Pacific understand that climate change is a national security issue," Albanese said in Sydney.

"Indeed, they regard—just as the United States does—as it being at the center of national security and I look forward to the discussions that I'll have with the leaders in the Pacific," Albanese added.

Albanese's government was elected in May with a promise to reduce Australia's greenhouse gas emissions by 43% below 2005 levels by 2030.

The previous government only committed to reducing emissions by 26% to 28% by the end of the decade.

Due to the pandemic, the Suva summit will be Pacific leaders' first opportunity for face-to-face meetings since 2019 when the forum met in Tuvalu.

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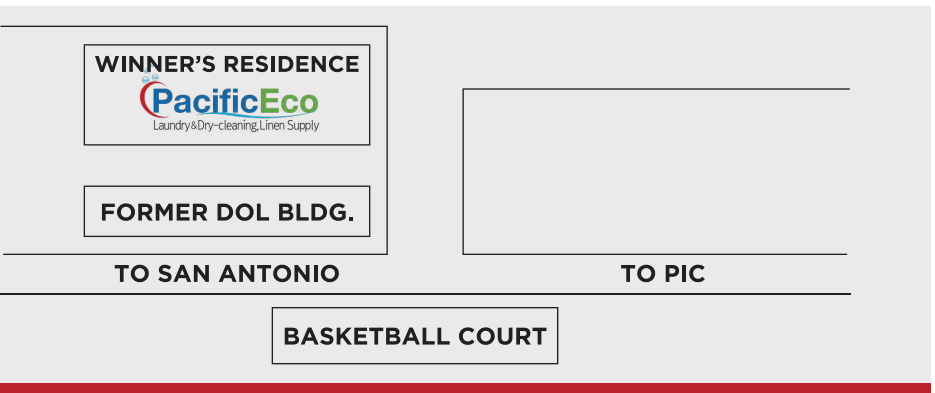

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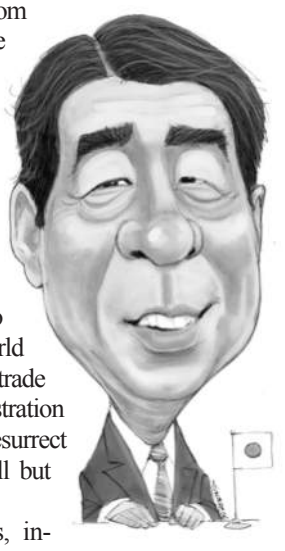
Shinzo Abe's assassination was an extraordinarily rare firearm fatality for Japan



With two shots from a homemade firearm, a disturbed individual cut down Japan's longest-serving prime minister, Shinzo Abe, as he campaigned for his political party ahead of parliamentary elections. During his second and longest stint as prime minister, from 2012 to 2020, Abe was a forceful world figure, taking up a regional trade deal when the Trump administration withdrew and working to resurrect Japan's military after it was all but abolished after World War II.

He made serious mistakes, including a stubborn refusal to accept the totality of Japan's responsibility for war crimes committed in the first half of the 20th century. But on the long, positive side of the ledger, he managed to jump-start Japan's stalled economy and cultivated close relationships with many world leaders. Up until the day of his death, he exerted huge political influence in his country.

Now, he joins the very small group of people felled by firearms in Japan. Despite having more than a third the population of the United States, gun deaths there routinely top out at under 10 per year. Not per day, not per week — per year. Controlling for population, there are on average more than 4,000 times as many annual gun deaths in the United States than in Japan.

It's clear now that the killer, for whom a motive remains hazy, made his own gun and likely his own ammunition, which would have been ineffective at anything but very close range. Abe's security failed to interdict the shooter before he struck, and to some extent he got lucky.

Had he been able to walk into a store and purchase an AR-15 and copious ammunition, he would have been able to perch on a rooftop and take out Abe and half the crowd to boot, as the Highland Park killer did on July Fourth. Before the usual suspects cry that gun regulation doesn't work, imagine how much safer our streets would be if would-be killers had to make their own guns instead of easily buying weapons of war.

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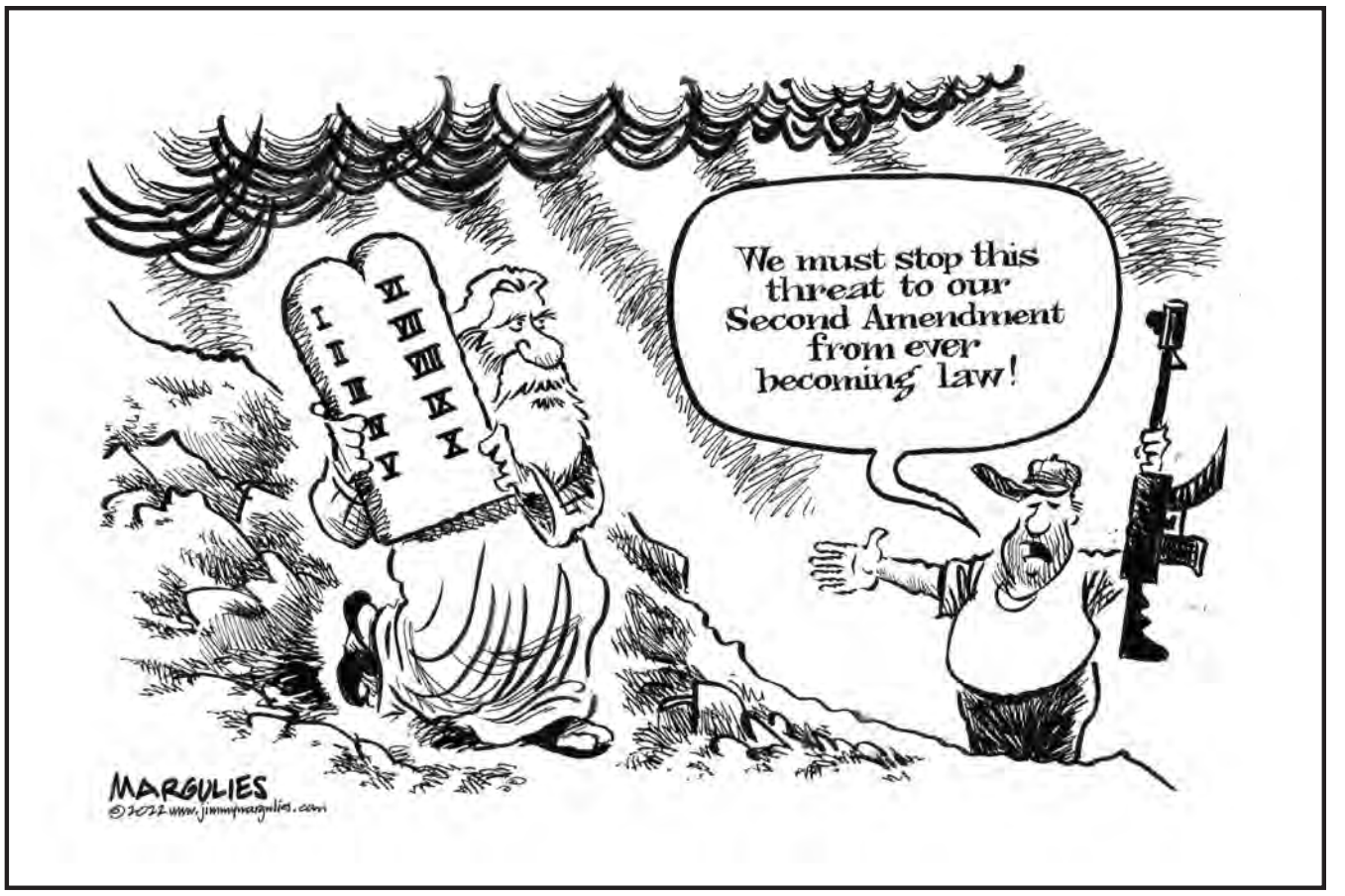

Prosecute Trump? Merrick Garland is investigating aggressively but prosecuting cautiously

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The House committee on the Jan. 6, 2021, insurgency, whose hearings resume this week, has produced impressive evidence that could allow prosecutors to argue that former President Donald Trump committed crimes as he tried to overturn the 2020 election.

Thanks to the hearings, we now know more clearly that Trump tried to bully Vice President Mike Pence into blocking Congress' count of electoral votes, tried to bully Justice Department officials into declaring the election fraudulent even though they knew it wasn't and stood by with seeming approval while his armed supporters sacked the Capitol.

All of which has led many ordinary citizens—and not just Trump-haters—to wonder: Why isn't Attorney General Merrick Garland prosecuting this man?

The answer is both complicated and simple. Indicting a former president for trying to subvert a presidential election is harder than it looks.

"It's definitely not a slam-dunk," Paul Rosenzweig, a former federal prosecutor (and anti-Trump Republican), told me last week. "It will require tough decisions."

The problem isn't lack of evidence. The former Trump aides who have testified before the House committee and been interviewed by the FBI have taken care of that.

The problem, Rosenzweig and other former prosecutors said, is that convincing a jury that Trump is guilty beyond a reasonable doubt will still be difficult—especially when the former president, armed with good lawyers, can challenge that evidence.

"We know from the polls that about 30% of the American people think Trump did nothing wrong on Jan. 6," Rosenzweig said. "Thirty percent of a jury is three or four people. I think getting a unanimous conviction will be nearly impossible, even in the liberal District of Columbia."

And a trial that ends in Trump's acquittal, he warned, would backfire.

"It would not only have the effect of giving Trump impunity," he said, "it would give him impunity and an aura of invincibility."

Others disagree. Donald B. Ayer, another Republican former prosecutor, thinks a conviction would be possible. "Trump was ready to have Mike Pence be killed," Ayer said. "You tell that story to a jury, and I think you win."

But Ayer notes that Justice Department regulations require that prosecutors believe they have a high probability of winning a conviction before they can indict. By that standard, what Garland is doing is both correct and by the book. He's investigating aggressively—but prosecuting cautiously.

Justice Department lawyers have served subpoenas on Rudolph W. Giuliani and John Eastman, lawyers who advised Trump on his schemes, and on pro-Trump activists who organized bogus slates of "alternative electors" in swing states like Arizona and Georgia.

Last month, FBI agents searched the Virginia home of Jeffrey Clark, a former top Justice Department official who pushed colleagues to endorse Trump's claims of voter fraud.

And prosecutors have indicted leaders of the right-wing Proud Boys and Oath Keepers militias on charges of seditious conspiracy in connection with Jan. 6.

All of which suggests that the Justice Department is pursuing a traditional organized-crime model in its investigation: prosecuting small fish to build cases against the higher-ups.

Even so, Trump will be able to argue in his defense that he lacked criminal intent, by claiming either that he genuinely believed the election had been stolen or did not know that interfering with Congress could be against the law.

The most likely charges against Trump are conspiracy to defraud the United States, a broad statute that covers almost any illegitimate interference with government operations, and conspiracy to obstruct an official proceeding.

There is also a broader policy question surrounding a decision to indict a former president, an action no prosecutor has taken before: Would it be in the national interest?

"Indicting a past and possible future political adversary of the current president would be a cataclysmic event," Jack Goldsmith, a former Justice Department official in the George W. Bush administration, warned last month. "It would be seen by many as politicized retribution. The prosecution would take many years to conclude … (and would) deeply affect the next election."

Others lawyers, both Republicans and Democrats, disagree vigorously.

"It's essential that Trump be prosecuted, if only to deter him and future presidential candidates from trying to do this again," Norman Eisen, a former Obama administration official, argued. "It would do terrible damage to allow a former president to walk free after committing acts for which anyone else would be indicted."

Those debates don't amount to a conclusive argument against prosecuting Trump. But they do add up to a list of reasons why Garland should avoid a rush to judgment while his investigators do their work—and that, to all appearances, is precisely what he's doing.

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The myth of 'Serve and Protect'

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When even white people have begun noticing the paradoxes in the criminal justice system, then the contradictions have become too blatant to chalk up to "the way things have always been done."

A passive belief in the status quo has worked for centuries in America. It insulated whole police departments from Los Angeles and Chicago to Philly and New York from internal reform and public scrutiny for decades.

"We're here to protect and serve the public," the various Fraternal Order of Police bosses used to insist even as the most brutal and corrupt practices of their members were exposed. In the end, public sympathy usually sided with the police anyway, especially when it came to police shootings.

Why? Put simply, it's hard for many white Americans to relate to Black people fleeing local cops or defying them in any way. Running always implies guilt. Guilt means the death penalty is always on the table, even if the crime is a broken headlight or a right-turn without the blinker on.

Still, an event like the murder of George Floyd two years ago has a way of breaking through the "protect and serve" narrative that runs counter to the experience of millions of Americans.

That narrative is further destabilized when something as monstrous as the killing of Jayland Walker in Akron happens. Eight officers pursuing Walker on foot, after a traffic stop went south, shot at him more than 90 times. Sixty of their bullets connected after two or three attempts to tase him missed.

The cops, high on adrenaline and rage because a few believed he'd taken a shot at them, pursued him the way hounds pursue a woodland stag.

Still, 60 shots for what amounts to a broken taillight or some other automotive irregularity sounds pretty excessive. Some Americans who used to give the police the automatic benefit of the doubt are now asking inconvenient questions as they compare the treatment of Jayland Walker to the mass shooter taken alive after the Highland Park massacre.

"Why are young, white mass murderers usually taken alive by police if they don't kill themselves first, but black suspects—armed or unarmed—are turned into Swiss cheese, choked to death or tased to death for far less serious crimes? Why is the fear factor so disproportionate given the crimes they're accused of committing?"

Of course, Black folks have been insisting that this has been reality for generations. We've always noticed the contradiction between the lofty rhetoric of law enforcement and what actually happens at street level—because it happens to us. What's changed is the presence of cameras capturing these once-disputed encounters on video for public scrutiny.

If the Uvalde school massacre taught us anything, it's that police officers are under no obligation to risk their lives for the public; that's a public relations myth courtesy of the FOP.

In many cases, the bravest among them will run toward danger reflexively and would never dream of standing outside a classroom for 90 minutes doing nothing while children and teachers were slaughtered.

Other cops take a more practical risk/benefit approach to danger. What are the chances of getting killed in the line of duty by playing the hero? They just want to go home at the end of the day. They don't want to be heroes or villains.

Contrary to what many believe, the ultimate duty of cops is not to "protect and serve." Whatever you think your tax dollars are paying for, it doesn't buy you a trained security guard at your beck and call when you're in trouble.

Cops have a choice about when to exercise lethal force and under what conditions. When facing someone who has proven their lethality by wielding weapons of war, they're far more cautious and deferential, even if the killer is barely old enough to drink.

There are folks who will explain the inequality of outcomes as a function of how much the suspect obeys authority. "The mass shooter bought his weapons legally and obeyed commands to put down his weapons immediately once confronted. The Black motorist, who may or may not have had a legally registered weapon, ran, forcing the cops who were afraid of him to pursue and empty their guns in him. He presented a far more compelling danger to the officers."

Of course, this is the logic of mad men, but it is the rationale that millions of Americans swear by. They see no connection between systemic racism and the training of police officers that results in a disproportionate number of deaths of Black motorists.

One could ask why cops are driving around looking for reasons to pull cars with broken taillights over in the first place when they can issue fines electronically or by mail. There doesn't have to be interaction between cops and drivers at all, thus cutting down on fatal encounters.

The cops decided to chase Jayland Walker because one of them believed a "flash" he saw was a gun discharged in his direction. This amped up his colleagues and the hunt was on. The Akron police released the bodycams of the officers involved, and it was a chilling spectacle.

They were all racing to play "hero" by killing an unarmed suspect. They all made the choice, which was their official prerogative, to kill another human. Their adrenaline demanded a release, so they pulled the triggers. They believed Jayland Walker was a shadow creature invulnerable to pain, so they lost every moral inhibition to complete the mission—kill this man, this 'Other' with extreme prejudice.

Then they handcuffed him despite the fact he was a shivering and mutilated mess with 60 bloody holes in him. Whatever they thought they were shooting at that night, it wasn't a human being with hopes and dreams they were bound to respect.

Are you feeling "served and protected" yet?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A modest proposal

Though I can understand that some fellow citizens are tired of reading me continue to address the current global pandemic, I'd like to, if I may, offer a suggestion:

Considering that most testing now is done at home with the results not being shared and the official SARS-CoV-2 testing results and data gathered now on Saipan are inadequate to base community responses upon, it would seem that twice-monthly wastewater sampling (from multiple sources) would help the government and health care workers identify and understand the viral variants/subvariants we are all facing and contending with. Wastewater testing doesn't provide all the answers, but it does help in alerting the CNMI as to what threats it's facing and to provide data helpful in formulating an appropriate response. It's also inexpensive and relatively easy to do.

In addition, having flown two trips to Guam and back for medical treatment in the past three weeks, I'm shocked as to how many people (around 15-20%) onboard the aircraft choose not to wear masks despite there being elderly, infirm, and sick passengers onboard. Yes, the air supply on jetliners is filtered but not constantly and the air in the enclosed airports is not filtered at all. Just because you decide to not wear a mask doesn't mean the virus isn't present and that you won't contribute to passing along the virus to someone who can't combat it as effectively as yourself.

Just saying.

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The Founding Fathers never meant to tie our hands on guns

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Remember Uvalde? Does it seem that our memory of the shocking murder of 19 schoolchildren and two teachers has faded too quickly?

But just as Uvalde quickly eclipsed the massacre of 10 people in Buffalo 10 days prior, the murder of seven at a July Fourth parade in Highland Park has overshadowed Uvalde.

Since July Fourth, 200 more Americans have died in ones and twos by homicide, but it's the mass shootings — four or more victims—in schools and churches and public events that catch our attention.

At least briefly. Of course, we're appalled when 19 youngsters are massacred at their desks by another kid who was able to legally purchase a high-powered, high-capacity, semi-automatic weapon. But the pace of mass shootings is so rapid that we barely have time to forget the last one before the next occurs.

This raises a question: Have we resigned ourselves to the hard truth that mass shootings are simply part of what it means to live in America? We are shocked and outraged by the carnage, but we can't muster the will to do anything about it.

Occasionally a mass murder is so shocking that even some Republicans understand that it's bad policy and bad politics to continue to look the other way. For example, after Uvalde Congress passed a bipartisan gun bill, the first in decades. President Joe Biden signed it last month.

This feels a little like progress. The bill provides money to the states to develop crisis intervention programs and red flag protocols. It closes the "boyfriend loophole" and encourages states to include juvenile records in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

In other words, half-measures around the edges. The bill does very little to address the heart of our mass shooting problem: the fact that disturbed individuals don't have much trouble obtaining high-powered weapons with large magazines and plenty of ammunition.

In short, few believe that the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act will have a meaningful impact on mass shootings. In fact, enacting the bill's half-measures may lull us into believing that we've addressed the problem when, in fact, we've done very little. And the mass shootings will continue.

Is this what our nation's Founding Fathers had in mind, a society that has no method by which it can protect itself from a persistent, terror-inducing public safety menace? Did they imagine that mass shootings were a feature of our culture that we would just have to get used to?

We give the Founders a lot of credit for creating the Constitution. Some even argue that the Constitution is a sacred, divinely inspired text. But, in fact, the Constitution is a flawed document written by flawed men who reflected the limitations of the times in which they lived.

How else do we explain the Constitution's failure to imagine and provide the right to vote for women and Blacks? How do we explain the compromises that made the Constitution possible but permitted slavery to continue until the issue was resolved by the Civil War? How else do we explain the Electoral College?

The Constitution is brilliant, but it's not perfect. Therefore we should be cautious about shaping — and limiting — modern American gun policy on the Founders' belief in the necessity of a "well regulated Militia."

The Founders undoubtedly believed in the right to own firearms — for hunting, for sport and for personal protection. So do I. In fact, I've argued that the right to a firearm for personal protection is a "natural" right that precedes the Second Amendment and that it should be clearly established in a 28th amendment. Then we could stop forcing the Second Amendment through the dubious contortions required to protect that right.

But it's hard to believe that the Founders intended for the Second Amendment to preclude this nation, 230 years later, from protecting ourselves from the public health threat represented by modern weapons.

Did the Founders actually intend for the Second Amendment to tie our hands on gun control and expect us to tolerate an unending succession of Columbines, Sandy Hooks and Uvaldes? I seriously doubt it.

The Weather

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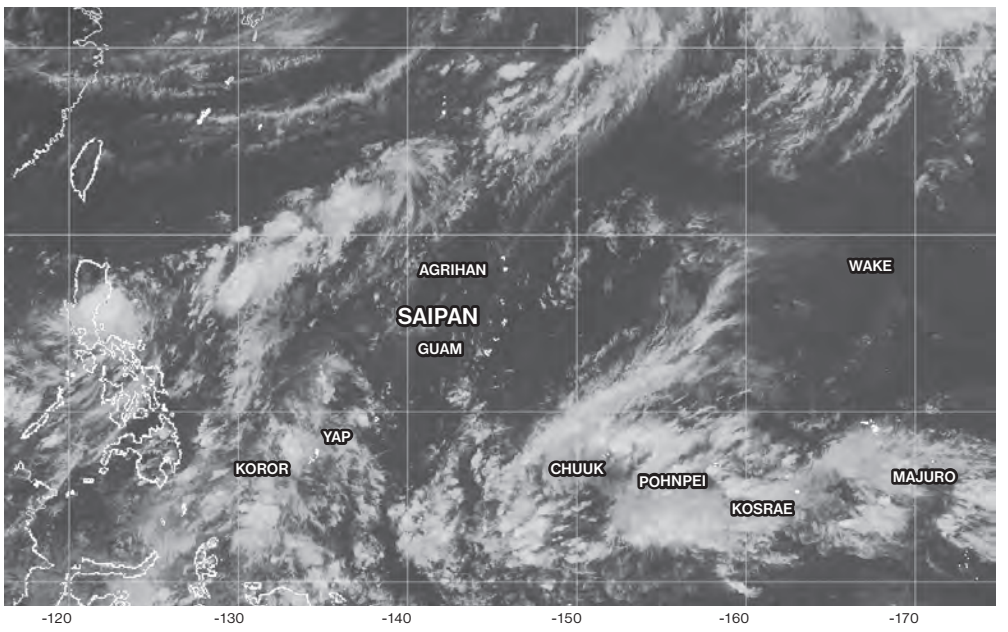

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A weak surface trough is currently over the Marianas region with a few passing showers seen on the radar. A few lightning strikes were observed around the coastal waters overnight. Buoys at at Ritidian and Tanapag are reporting about 3 feet combined seas, and art Ipan around 4 feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

■ Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.

■ Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.

■ Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.

■ Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.

■ Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.

■ Create a household plan of action, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html

■ Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

■ Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.

■ Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

■ Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:

• Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.

• Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

• Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

• Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

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This health advisory may be found online at http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

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Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	88° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorms	81° / 75°
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	84° / 78°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	88° /79°
Pohnpei	Showers	83° / 77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	82° / 79°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:53 AM	6:51 PM
Thursday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Saturday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Sunday	5:55 AM	6:51 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	4:49 AM	6:31 PM
Thursday	-	5:58 AM	7:34 PM
Friday	-	7:06 AM	8:30 PM
Saturday	-	8:12 AM	9:20 PM
Sunday	-	9:13 AM	10:04 PM

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲ ▼ °F	
Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	60° / 49°
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	89° / 71°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	88° / 81°
Honolulu	Showers	77° / 73°
London	Partly Cloudy	67° / 52°
Los Angeles	Sunny	87° / 61°
Manila	Thunderstorms	89° / 77°
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	62° / 49°
Miami	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°
New York	Partly Cloudy	81° / 64°
Osaka	Cloudy	85° / 74°
Paris	Showers	75° / 60°
Busan	Mostly Cloudy	80° / 72°
Rome	Sunny	90° / 68°
Salem	Sunny	90° / 67°
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	69° / 51°
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	89° / 68°
Tokyo	Cloudy	84° / 73°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	79° / 65°

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
4:51 AM	High Tide	2.18
12:27 PM	Low Tide	-0.37
7:51 PM	High Tide	2.11
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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 1, 2022

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:50AM	10:30AM	Daily
UA156	6:30PM	7:15PM	6

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	6:00AM	8:00AM	Daily
UA193	7:05PM	10:55PM	5 via Palau
UA183	7:10PM	9:10PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	Daily via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	10:55PM	5 via Guam, Palau

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

TW9308	3:30PM	7:20PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3405	3:30PM	7:25PM	4, 6
RS112	3:45PM	7:30PM	3, 6 up to July 2 only
7C3405	3:50PM	7:45PM	3, 7
OZ624	4:00PM	7:40PM	3, 6

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

BX621	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	Daily
UA112	4:40PM	5:30PM	6

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:00PM	4:00AM+1	Daily
UA184	10:25PM	4:25AM+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:25PM	6:15AM+1	5 via Palau
UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA184/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	1,2,3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
UA192/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Palau, Guam
UA184/174	11:50PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Guam

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3406	8:30AM	2:10PM	4, 6, 7
RS111	8:45AM	2:05PM	3, 6 up to July 2 only
7C3406	8:50AM	2:30PM	3
TW9307	9:00AM	2:30PM	4, 6, 7
OZ623	9:00AM	2:30PM	3, 6
TW9307	9:15AM	2:30PM	3

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

BX621	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	SAIPAN	ROTA	8:30	9:00	Daily
1302	SAIPAN	ROTA	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
1302	SAIPAN	ROTA	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun
1303	SAIPAN	ROTA	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	ROTA	SAIPAN	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	ROTA	SAIPAN	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun
3102	ROTA	SAIPAN	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
3103	ROTA	SAIPAN	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

LIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	ROTA	GUAM	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	GUAM	ROTA	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1202	SAIPAN	TINIAN	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	SAIPAN	TINIAN	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	SAIPAN	TINIAN	10:00	10:15	Daily
1208	SAIPAN	TINIAN	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	SAIPAN	TINIAN	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	SAIPAN	TINIAN	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	SAIPAN	TINIAN	17:00	17:15	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2102	TINIAN	SAIPAN	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	TINIAN	SAIPAN	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	TINIAN	SAIPAN	10:30	10:45	Daily
2108	TINIAN	SAIPAN	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	TINIAN	SAIPAN	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	TINIAN	SAIPAN	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	TINIAN	SAIPAN	17:30	17:45	Daily

NMC recognizes three outstanding employees

Maia Pangelinan NMC

Malyssa Castro NMC

Roy Alegre NMC

Northern Marianas College's Staff Senate named three employees as "Staff of the Quarter" awardees as part of its efforts to recognize and acknowledge staff members' hard work and commitment to students.

The three individuals are financial aid specialist Roy Alegre, Project PROA counselor Malyssa "Maly" Castro, and Office of Student and Leadership Activities program coordinator Maia Pangelinan.

"Congratulations to the recipients of the Staff of the 2nd Quarter," Staff Senate president Geri Rodgers said. "I appreciate all the work that Roy and Maia do for the students. Also, a huge thank you to Maly for being the Staff Senate secretary during her term that recently expired. She did so much to help with the Senate-sponsored activities that encouraged the staff."

The Staff Senate sponsored an employee gathering event to announce the awards. The awardees were nominated and voted by their peers for the coveted title of Staff of the Quarter, Rodgers said.

"I am very thankful to the Staff Senate and my fellow staff members for the honor of being Staff of the Quarter," Alegre said. "Working at NMC has allowed me to expand my knowledge and skills, all while working with such professional and fun individuals. I want to especially thank my Financial Aid Office team who keeps me motivated and have helped me throughout the years."

Pangelinan is also thankful for having received the award.

"I am honored to receive this award," Pangelinan said. "It couldn't have been possible without an amazing team supporting me every step of the way."

Castro shared the same sentiments.

"I am truly honored to be chosen as one of the Staff of the Quarter recipients," Castro said. "Working at the college has been the most fulfilling five years of my life. I truly appreciate my *Familian* Proa, and I look forward to many more years at NMC."

NMC president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, Ed.D., also expressed his thanks to the three employees and said that the college appreciates their hard work.

"I'd like to congratulate Roy, Maly, and Maia," Deleon Guerrero said. "They do so much work for the institution, and it's great to see them be recognized for it." ***(NMC)***

Fee waivers for July 15 NMC info session participants

Individuals who participate in Northern Marianas College's upcoming info session on Friday, July 15, 2022, will qualify to have their NMC fall 2022 admission application fee and placement test fees waived. The waiver represents a savings of up to $75.

The info session will be held from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Olympio T. Borja Library at the college's As Terlaje campus. The session will cover topics that include financial aid options and admissions.

NMC offers several degree and certificate programs, including a bachelor of science in education (concentration in early childhood education, elementary education, rehabilitation and human services, or special education), bachelor of science in business management (concentration in accounting or without concentration); associate of arts in business, associate of applied science in business administration (emphasis in accounting, business management, or computer applications), associate of applied science in hospitality management, associate of arts in liberal arts (emphasis in education, health and physical education, pre-engineering, social work, or without emphasis), associate of science in nursing, associate of science in agriculture, associate of science in natural resource management, associate of applied science in criminal justice, and associate of science in fire science technology. The certificate programs at NMC include basic law enforcement, business management, computer applications, early childhood education, fire science technology, hospitality operations, nursing assistant, and small business management.

NMC's fall 2022 semester will begin on Aug. 15, 2022. A list of the classes that are offered can be found at www.marianas.edu. For additional information or inquiries, contact the Office of Admissions and Records at 237-6769/70/71/72 or email oar@marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-22-035

FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, 2023 & 2024

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) requires the services of a U.S. Certified Public Accounting Firm/Individual with knowledge, skill, and experience in auditing (1) financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and auditing standards of the U.S. and; (2) federal awards programs in accordance with the Single Audit Act and U.S. Office of Management and Budget requisites.

- Provide assistance to the CUC management with the preparation of the annual financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America
- Ensure that the financial statements and auditor's reports also meet any specific requirements contained in agreements or other contractual requirements relative to financial statement presentation and the audits.
- Submit the draft financial statements and accompanying auditor's reports to CUC management no later than January 31st of each year, and issue the final reports no later than February 28th of each year.
- Provide 15 bound copies of the final financial statements and accompanying auditor's report
- Provide an electronic copy (e.g., .pdf format) of the final report to the CUC.

Auditors are responsible to review the 2022, 2023 & 2024 financial statements to include the physical CUC assets for each fiscal year.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one RFP package set.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked ***"CUC-RFP-22-035, Financial and Compliance Audit for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2022, 2023 & 2024"*** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **August 3, 2022 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 20, 2022** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Greg Cruz, CUC Chief Financial Officer, via email address greg.cruz@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC Senior Purchasing Technician via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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MANNY B. SABLAN
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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 04-2022

Opening date: July 13, 2022 — **Closing date: August 03, 2022**

Location: SAIPAN		**SALARY**
Positions:	(1) Internal Auditor	UNGRADED
	(1) Accounts Clerk	PL 2/1 to 2/12 ($7.63/hr. to $13.04/hr.)
	(1) AOA Controller-I	PL 5/1 to 5/12 ($8.83/hr. to $15.10/hr.)
Location: PORT OF SAIPAN		**SALARY**
Positions:	(1) Vessel Traffic Controller-I	PL 4/1 to 4/12 ($8.41/hr. to $14.38/hr.
Location: TINIAN		**SALARY**
Positions:	(2) General Maintenance I	PL 2/1 to 2/12 ($7.63/hr. to $13.04/hr.)

Employment Application must be accompanied with a copy of all required diploma/certificates and/or official sealed transcripts, original copy of recent police record not more than six (6) months old, original copy of U.S. Department of Defense Form DD214 for retired members or veterans of our Armed Forces, and other documents as required for the position. Public Law 11-70 requires that all male applicants age 18 to 25 years old must submit documentation evidencing his registration with the Federal Selective Service System. All applications and required documents must be submitted to the ***CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport or CPA Administration Office Tinian International Airport or Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport***. Failure to provide any of the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. Certain vacancies may require written and/or physical test. Selected applicants will be subjected to pre-employment drug screening, 10-year Criminal History Record Check and 49 CFR Part 1542.209(d) Requirements. CPA reserves the right to waive or implement other qualifications to meet its needs. The deadline for submission of applications and required documents to the CPA Administration Office (Saipan) or at the Tinian International Airport or Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport is no later than **5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, August 03, 2022**.

Detailed information on qualifications and position descriptions for the above positions may be picked up along with the application form from Monday-Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., except on holidays, at the CPA Administration Office (2nd Floor) of the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Arrival Terminal or CPA Admin. Office at the Tinian International Airport or at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport. For additional information, please contact the CPA Human Resources Office by email at lorna.tenorio@cnmiports.com or by phone at (670)237-6500.

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CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
RFP22-CHCC/CGC-018A

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JULY 27TH, 2022 TIME: 10:00AM (CHST)

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/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA
CHCC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

/S/ CORA P. ADA
DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: DPW/SWMD22-ITB No.: 42200122

SUBMISSION DATE: July 27, 2022 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"Rehabilitation/Replacement of Protective Well Casings and Structures for the Groundwater and Landfill Gas Monitoring Wells at the Marpi Landfill, Saipan

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION, LOWER BASE TRANSFER STATION, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

The project package will be available on or after **June 29, 2022** at the Solid Waste Management Division, Lower Base Transfer Station, Saipan.

A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars ($100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the **Scope of Work at the Solid Waste Management Division, Lower Base Transfer Station required for each set.**

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **July 15, 2022,** 9:00 a.m. local time at the Solid Waste Management Division Conference Room, Lower Base Transfer Station, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All question regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **July 20, 2022** to **Mr. Blas T. Mafnas, Director of Solid Waste Management Division, Lower Base Transfer Station**, Saipan or fax to (670) 322-2762. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

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/S/ JAMES A. ADA
SECRETARY, DPW

/S/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON
ACTING DIRECTOR,
DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

Business

'Healthy US economy can handle rising rates'

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. economy is healthy and shows little sign of an imminent recession, and can withstand higher interest rates, St. Louis Federal Reserve president James Bullard said Monday.

Financial markets are flashing signs that an economic downturn could arrive sometime next year, as Americans grapple with the highest inflation in four decades and the Federal Reserve pushes borrowing costs higher. But Bullard said in an interview with The Associated Press that the central bank wouldn't have to drive the economy into a recession or significantly raise unemployment to bring inflation down to its 2% target.

"Now we have lots of inflation, but the question is, can we get (inflation) back to 2% without disrupting the economy? I think we can," he said.

Bullard's optimism coincides with a rapid pace of interest rate increases by the Fed, intended to combat the highest U.S. inflation in 40 years.

Higher rates limit the ability of consumers and businesses to borrow and spend, which can cool growth and inflation. But they also carry the risk of tipping the economy into a downturn.

Consumer prices rose 8.6% in May compared with a year ago, and a government inflation report Wednesday could show that they've ticked higher.

Bullard also said he currently supports a 0.75 percentage point increase in the Fed's benchmark short-term interest rate at its next meeting later this month. Its rate is currently in a range of 1.5% to 1.75%, after a 0.75 percentage point hike at its June meeting, the largest since 1994.

Separately, Esther George, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, sounded a more cautionary note in a speech Monday, in which she suggested the Fed's large rate hikes could prove disruptive.

"I'm certainly sympathetic to the view that interest rates need to increase rapidly, recognizing that current rates are out of sync with today's economic landscape," she said, addressing a labor conference in Lake Ozark, Missouri. "However ... policy changes transmit to the economy with a lag, and significant and abrupt changes can be unsettling to households and small businesses as they make necessary adjustments."

George was the only Fed policymaker to dissent from the Fed's June rate hike, out of concern that it was too large.

George noted after just four months of Fed rate increases, "there is growing discussion of recession risk, and some forecasts are predicting interest rate cuts as soon as next year." Those concerns suggest the Fed is lifting interest rates "more quickly than the economy and markets can adjust," she added.

Musk-Twitter battle hammers company shares

NEW YORK (AP) — Shares of Twitter slid more than 11% in the first day of trading after billionaire Elon Musk said that he was abandoning his $44 billion bid for the company and the social media platform vowed to challenge Musk in court to uphold the agreement.

Twitter is now preparing to sue Musk in Delaware where the company is incorporated. While the outcome is uncertain, both sides are preparing for a long court battle.

Musk alleged Friday that Twitter has failed to provide enough information about the number of fake accounts on its service. Twitter responded in a weekend letter disclosed Monday that his "purported termination is invalid and wrongful" and that the company has continued to provide the information he "reasonably requested."

Twitter said last month that it was making available to Musk a " fire hose " of raw data on hundreds of millions of daily tweets.

The company has said for years in regulatory filings that it believes about 5% of the accounts on the platform are fake. But on Monday Musk continued to taunt the company, using Twitter, over what he has described as a lack of data. In addition, Musk is also alleging that Twitter broke the acquisition agreement when it fired two top managers and laid off a third of its talent-acquisition team.

Musk agreed to a $1 billion breakup fee as part of the buyout agreement, although it appears Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal and the company are settling in for a legal fight to force the sale.

"For Twitter this fiasco is a nightmare scenario," Wedbush analyst Dan Ives, who follows the company, wrote Monday. He said the result would be "an Everest-like uphill climb for Parag & Co." given concerns over employee morale and retention, advertiser concerns and other challenges.

Amazon Prime Day comes amid slowdown in online sales growth

Amazon is heading into its annual Prime Day sales event on Tuesday much differently than how it entered the pandemic.

The company has long used the two-day event—one of its biggest all year—to lure people to its Prime membership, for which Amazon recently raised the price to $139 a year from $119 a year.

Amazon doesn't disclose total Prime Day sales, though growth estimates for last year's event had ranged from 7% to 9%. Research firm Insider Intelligence suggests sales could grow even more this year in part because of the event's mid-July timing, which compared to last year's June date would allow the company to capture more consumers doing back-to-school shopping.

Amazon could use the boost amid a slowdown in overall online sales. Once the darling of the pandemic economy, the company posted a rare quarterly loss in April as well as its slowest rate of revenue growth in nearly two decades—at 7%. Inflation had added roughly $2 billion in costs.

Amazon also acknowledged it had too many workers and expects its excess capacity from its massive warehouse expansion during the pandemic to total $10 billion in extra costs for the first half of this year.

"It's causing pain at the moment, and that pain is considerable," said Neil Saunders, the managing director of GlobalData Retail.

It's quite a reversal from the early days of the pandemic when the e-commerce giant's profits soared as homebound shoppers turned to online shopping to avoid contracting the coronavirus. The demand was so high that Amazon nearly doubled its workforce in the last two years to more than 1.6 million people. ***(AP)***

Nation

Hunt on for gunman who killed two in wave of 7-Eleven holdups

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two people were killed and three wounded in robberies before dawn Monday at six 7-Eleven stores in Southern California and authorities said they were seeking the same lone gunman in at least three of the crimes.

AP

In this image from video released by the Brea Police Department is a person that police are attempting to identify in connection with two people who were killed and three who were wounded in shootings at four 7-Eleven locations in Southern California ,Monday, July 11, 2022.

The string of violence occurred occurred within a timespan of about five hours on July 11, or 7/11, the day when the national 7-Eleven brand celebrates its anniversary. This is its 95th year and on Monday stores gave out free Slurpee drinks.

It wasn't immediately clear to investigators what prompted the violence in the cities of Ontario, Upland, Riverside, Santa Ana, Brea and La Habra.

"I think the only person to answer that would be the suspect," said Officer Ryan Railsback, a spokesperson for the Riverside Police Department.

But he said the date was no accident.

"There's no way it can be a coincidence of it being 7-Eleven, July 11," Railsback said.

7-Eleven Inc. issued a statement saying it was gathering information and working with police. "Our hearts are with the victims and their loved ones," the statement said.

The first robbery happened at about midnight in Ontario, about 35 miles (56 kilometers) east of Los Angeles.

The masked man brandished a handgun at the store's employee and demanded money, according to Ontario Cpl. Emily Hernandez. He did not fire any shots and the clerk was not injured. It was not immediately clear to investigators what, if anything, was stolen.

The second robbery happened about 45 minutes later in Upland, less than 5 miles (8 kilometers) away from the Ontario store.

The suspect approached the store clerk with a few items, "some drinks and things," and brandished a semi-automatic handgun, Upland Sgt. Jake Kirk said. The man stole the items and about $400 to $500 in cash and fled. No shots were fired.

Surveillance photos, released by Upland and Brea police, show a masked man wearing a black sweatshirt with a hood over his head. The sweatshirt had white lettering with green leaves on the front.

While police in La Habra, Brea and Santa Ana have said they believe they are seeking the same suspect, officials in Ontario, Upland and Riverside have not yet made that determination though they said they were aware of the other crimes at 7-Eleven stores.

"It could potentially be the same person but we're not confirming that at this time," Kirk said.

Nevada man charged in 1982 killing of child in California

A 70-year-old Nevada man has been charged in the 1982 killing of a 5-year-old girl who disappeared while walking to her kindergarten class in California after detectives solved the case using DNA evidence, authorities said.

Robert John Lanoue, of Reno, Nevada, was charged last week in the killing of Anne Pham.

Pham disappeared while walking to her kindergarten class at Highland Elementary School in Seaside, California, on Jan. 21, 1982. Her body was found two days later in the former Fort Ord.

The child had been kidnapped, sexually assaulted and strangled, California authorities said.

According to court records, Lanoue has waived extradition to Monterey County in California. As of Monday he was still in the Washoe County jail.

Lanoue, who is a registered sex offender in Nevada, was 29 years old at the time of the girl's killing and lived near her home in Seaside, said Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni.

The case was reopened in 2020 when investigators with the Monterey County District Attorney's Office Cold Case Task Force worked with the Seaside Police Department to submit evidence from the case for DNA testing after receiving a grant to reopen cold cases.

Lanoue was charged with one count of first-degree murder, with special circumstance allegations that he murdered Pham while committing kidnapping and a lewd act on a child under the age of 14, said Pacioni.

It was not immediately known if Lanoue has an attorney who can speak on his behalf.

On July 6, California investigators obtained a warrant for Lanoue's arrest, Pacioni said. Lanoue was already in the Washoe County jail where he was booked on June 8 for a parole violation, records showed. ***(AP)***

Asia

US warns it will defend PH if China breaks sea ruling

AP

Protesters shout slogans to mark the 6th anniversary of the issuance of the 2016 decision by an arbitration tribunal set up under the U.N. Convention of the Law of the Sea after the Philippines complained against China's increasingly aggressive actions in the disputed sea during a rally outside the Chinese consulate in Makati, Philippines, Tuesday, July 12, 2022.

MANILA, Philippines (AP) —U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken renewed a call to China to comply with a 2016 arbitration ruling that invalidated Beijing's vast claims in the South China Sea and warned that Washington is obligated to defend treaty ally Philippines if its forces, vessels or aircraft come under attack in the disputed waters.

Blinken's statement, issued by the U.S. Embassy in Manila on Tuesday, was released on the sixth anniversary of the 2016 decision by an arbitration tribunal set up in The Hague under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea after the Philippine government complained in 2013 against China's increasingly aggressive actions in the disputed sea.

China did not participate in the arbitration, rejected its ruling as a sham and continues to defy it, bringing it into territorial spats with the Philippines and other Southeast Asian claimant states in recent years.

"We call again on the PRC to abide by its obligations under international law and cease its provocative behavior," Blinken said, using the acronym of China's formal name.

"We also reaffirm that an armed attack on Philippine armed forces, public vessels, or aircraft in the South China Sea would invoke U.S. mutual defense commitments" under the 1951 U.S.-Philippines Mutual Defense Treaty, Blinken said.

Aside from China and the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Taiwan and Brunei have had overlapping claims in the busy waterway, which is believed to be rich in undersea gas and oil deposits and where an estimated $5 trillion-worth of trade and goods are shipped through each year.

Church distances itself from Abe's assassination

TOKYO (AP) — The Unification Church confirmed the mother of the man accused of assassinating former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is a member and said it was cooperating with the police investigation into possible motives.

Police say the suspect, Tetsuya Yamagami, told investigators he wanted to kill Abe because of his apparent connection to an organization. Some Japanese media gave his mother's donations to the church and her subsequent bankruptcy as a motive for the assassination.

Tomihiro Tanaka, head of the Unification Church's Japan branch, declined to comment on the specifics of the donations Monday. Speaking in generalities, he confirmed some people have made generous donations, but stressed none was forced.

Also known as the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, the church was founded in South Korea by the late Sun Myung Moon. It is known to have hundreds of thousands of followers in Japan.

"Trying to understand how such hatred may have possibly led to the killing is totally perplexing," Tanaka said.

Abe was not a church member, but may have spoken at affiliated groups' events, Tanaka said.

Abe was fatally shot Friday in Nara in western Japan while campaigning for Sunday's parliamentary elections. Video and photos taken by people in the crowd show the suspect pulling out a homemade gun. Two smoke-filled blasts were fired. Abe collapsed and later died at a hospital.

Funeral services were being held Tuesday at a Tokyo Buddhist temple.

"This is something that should never have happened, and I feel a deep outrage," Tanaka said, bowing deeply. "My heart aches that Japan has lost a loved and respected leader."

Such bows are part of Japanese protocol to express condolences and do not necessarily signify admission of guilt.

Tanaka brushed off media reports as speculation, stressing the motive was still unclear.

Tanaka said Yamagami's mother joined the church in the late 1990s and has been participating in church events about once a month lately. There were years in between during which she did not come at all, he said.

Although the church has had scandals related to donations, compliance measures were set up in 2009, and there have not been any major troubles since then, Tanaka said.

World

UN projects world population will reach 8 billion on Nov. 15

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The United Nations estimated Monday that the world's population will reach 8 billion on Nov. 15 and that India will replace China as the world's most populous nation next year.

In a report released on World Population Day, the U.N. also said global population growth fell below 1% in 2020 for the first time since 1950.

According to the latest U.N. projections, the world's population could grow to around 8.5 billion in 2030, 9.7 billion in 2050 and a peak of around 10.4 billion during the 2080s. It is forecast to remain at that level until 2100.

The report says more than half the projected increase in population up to 2050 will be concentrated in just eight countries: Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines and Tanzania.

The report, "World Population Prospects 2022," puts the world's population at 7.942 billion now and forecasts it will reach 8 billion in mid-November.

John Wilmoth, director of the U.N. Population Division, said at a news conference to release the report that the date when the U.N.'s projection line crosses 8 billion is Nov. 15.

But, he noted, "we do not pretend that that's the actual date … and we think that the uncertainty is at least plus or minus a year."

Nonetheless, U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called 2022 a "milestone year," with "the birth of the Earth's eight billionth inhabitant."

"This is an occasion to celebrate our diversity, recognize our common humanity, and marvel at advancements in health that have extended lifespans and dramatically reduced maternal and child mortality rates," Guterres said in a statement. "At the same time, it is a reminder of our shared responsibility to care for our planet and a moment to reflect on where we still fall short of our commitments to one another."

The report projects that next year India, with a current population of 1.412 billion, will surpass China, with a current population of 1.426 billion, but Wilmoth said there is more uncertainty about that date than the Earth reaching 8 billion inhabitants on Nov. 15.

Wilmoth said the U.N. moved the date forward from 2027, especially as a result of China's 2020 census. India had been planning its census in 2021, but he said it was delayed because of the pandemic. The U.N. will reassess its projection after it takes place.

The U.N. projects that in 2050 the United States will remain the third most populous country in the world, behind India and China. Nigeria is projected to be No. 4, followed by Pakistan, Indonesia, Brazil, Congo, Ethiopia and Bangladesh. Russia and Mexico, which are in the top 10 most populous countries in 2022, are projected to lose their ninth and 10th spots in 2050.

"The population of 61 countries or areas are projected to decrease by 1% or more between 2022 and 2050," the report says.

"In countries with at least half a million population, the largest relative reductions in population size over that period, with losses of 20% or more, are expected to take place in Bulgaria, Latvia, Lithuania, Serbia and Ukraine."

In other highlights, the report said global life expectancy improved almost 9 years from 1990—to 72.8 years for babies born in 2019—and is projected to reach 77.2 years in 2050 as death rates continue to decrease. But in 2021, it said, life expectancy in the world's poorest countries lagged 7 years behind the global average.

As for gender balance, the report says, "Globally, the world counts slightly more men (50.3%) than women (49.7%) in 2022." "This figure is projected to slowly invert over the course of the century," it says. "By 2050, it is expected that the number of women will equal the number of men."

The share of working age people between ages 25 and 64 has been increasing in most countries of sub-Saharan Africa, parts of Asia and in Latin America and the Caribbean "thanks to recent reductions in fertility," the report says.

WORLD BRIEFS

Putin expands fast-track Russian citizenship to all Ukraine

KHARKIV, Ukraine (AP) — As Russian missiles struck a key Ukrainian city, Russian President Vladimir Putin expanded a fast-track procedure for obtaining Russian citizenship to all Ukrainians on Monday, another effort to strengthen Moscow's influence over war-torn Ukraine. Until recently, only residents of Ukraine's separatist eastern Donetsk and Luhansk regions, as well as residents of the southern Zaporizhzhia and the Kherson regions, large parts of which are now under Russian control, were eligible to apply for the simplified passport procedure. Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Klueba said Putin's signing of a passport decree, which also applies to stateless residents in Ukraine, was an example of his "predatory appetites." "Russia is using the simplified procedure for issuing passports to tighten the noose around the necks of residents of the temporarily occupied territories of our state, forcing them to participate in the criminal activities of the occupying administrations and the Russian army of aggression," Ukraine's Foreign Ministry added in a statement.

Mexican police find 23 bodies in pits near thermal springs

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Prosecutors in western Mexico said they have located 23 sets of skeletal remains in a lakeside community known for its highly acidic hot springs and mud pits. The prosecutors office in Michoacan said only eight of the bodies had been identified, mainly by clothing or dental records. The rest of the bodies were so badly deteriorated that DNA testing might be necessary, the office said Sunday. It is unclear if criminals intentionally dumped the bodies in the area known as Los Negritos—after the black mud facial masks popular there—so they would disappear more quickly. The area is near the town of La Barca, where authorities in 2013 found more than five dozen bodies in mass graves linked to the Jalisco cartel.

Good Housekeeping

SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS
A pairing of white on white upholstery helps to make a modern living room feel more spacious.

HANDOUT/TNS
Accents such as an area rug and toss pillows help to create a modern setting.

HANDOUT/TNS
A color palette in a living room using tints tones and shades of white.

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A white on white interior conveys a fresh, modern vibe.

HANDOUT/TNS
A white on white color palette helps to create a soothing mood in this living space.

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White is a color that is often ignored, but it can be one of the most powerful colors in a designer's toolbox. Whether you lean more toward cream or soft gray, tints, tones and shades of white can help create a color palette that is not only crisp and clean but modern and inviting.

Looking to create a white-on-white look? Here are some top tips.

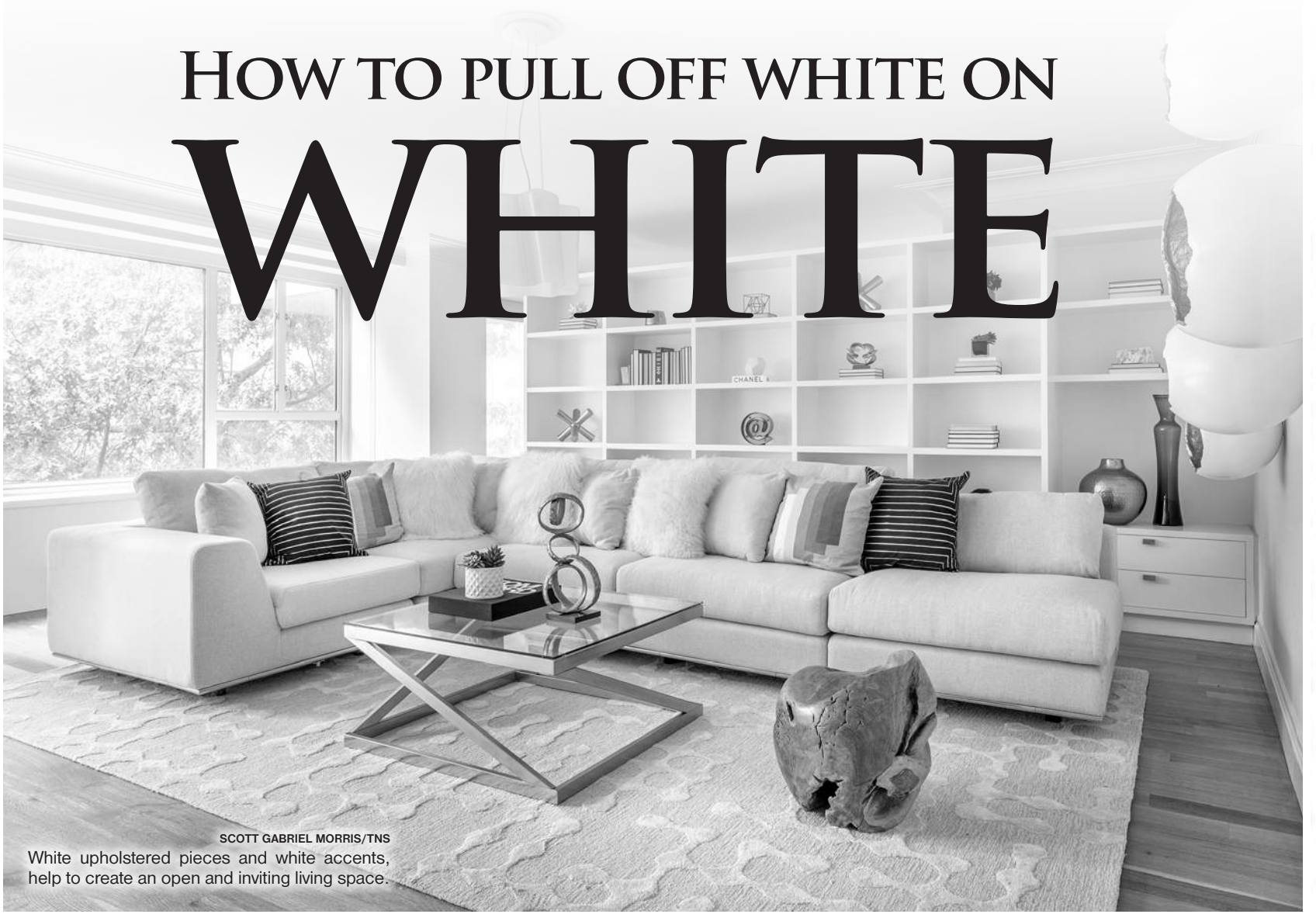
DO's

- Do pair similar shades in the same space such as cool white with other cool white elements.
- Do incorporate white into your space through the use of accessories and accents.
- Do use white in areas you wish to create a feel of openness.
- Do pair white with soft contrast colors to help maintain a white-on-white feel.
- Do blend different white-on-white materials and textiles such as upholstery, area rugs, toss pillows and even drapery.

DON'T's

- Don't be afraid to use different shades of white in the same space.
- Don't ignore the opportunity to bring in white through the use of lighting.
- Don't blend different color temperatures in the same space. For example, keep cool white with other cool white, versus mixing cool and warm shades.
- Don't be afraid to leave negative space that is white, such as soffits, baseboards, ceilings and even certain walls.
- Don't introduce dark or dark contrast elements in a space in which you wish to have a white-on-white monochromatic look and feel.

How to pull off white on WHITE



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White upholstered pieces and white accents, help to create an open and inviting living space.

• Got lots of fresh herbs from your summer garden? Hang bunches upside down in a cool place for a week or so. Crumble the leaves into small jars. You've made your own dried herbs.

• "Want super-crunchy fries at home? Soak potato pieces in very cold water for an hour (fridge is best, or add ice often); dry and fry. Drain fries well, dust LIGHTLY with flour and quick-fry one more time for only a minute or so." — *T.C. in Idaho*

• If you want to cool your canned drinks quickly, add water to the cooler with a lot of ice, submerge all drinks under the ice line, and wait about 20 minutes. Without the water, it takes much longer. The water extends the surface contact of the ice.

• To keep your ladder from sinking into soft sand or dirt, put each leg into a can or bucket. It creates a much larger surface area, thereby stabilizing the legs.

• If you run out of bleach, add 4 tablespoons of hydrogen peroxide to a small load of white laundry.

• Be certain to use only distilled water in your iron. The water from the tap can leave mineral stains on clothing, and will kill your iron if you do it all the time. — *R.E. in Louisiana*

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Life & Style

‘Squid Game,’ ‘Abbott Elementary’ vying for Emmy nominations

LOS ANGELES (AP) — “Succession” and “Ted Lasso” are in the hunt for Emmy nominations that could add to their previous trophy hauls, but they’re up against hungry newcomers.

When the bids are announced Tuesday, the social satire “Succession,” a 2020 top-drama winner, may face a showdown with “Squid Game.” The South Korean hit about a brutal survival contest is vying to become the first non-English language Emmy nominee.

The Emmys once were dominated by broadcast networks and then cable, with the rise of streaming services changing the balance of power and perhaps the awards themselves. The possibility of Netflix’s “Squid Game” joining the Emmy mix is the result of streaming’s global marketplace focus.

Other possible drama contenders include the modern Western “Yellowstone,” workplace thriller “Severance” and “Yellowjackets,” a hybrid survival and coming-of-age tale.

Potential competition for “Ted Lasso,” which claimed seven trophies including best comedy last year, includes the inaugural seasons of “Abbott Elementary” and “Only Murders in the Building” — both popular and critical successes.

Past top comedy winner “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel” also is vying for nods.

There are a number of outgoing shows looking for some final Emmy love. Among dramas that includes “This Is Us,” and “Ozark,” with “Insecure” and “black-ish” on the comedy side.

Jean Smart, last year’s best comedy actress winner for “Hacks,” is in the running for a nod again, as is the series, with “Ted Lasso” star Jason Sudeikis hoping to repeat his 2021 comedy actor win. Bill Hader is chasing a third award in the category for “Barry.”

“The Crown,” which dominated the 2021 drama awards, wasn’t televised within the eligibility period and is sitting this year out.

JB Smoove (“Curb Your Enthusiasm”), Melissa Fumero (“Brooklyn Nine-Nine”) and Television Academy Chairman and CEO Frank Scherma were to announce the nominees. The Emmy ceremony is set for Sept. 12 and will air on NBC, with a host yet to be announced.

Depp’s lawyers urge judge to leave jury verdict intact

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — Lawyers for Johnny Depp are urging a Virginia judge to leave his $10 million defamation judgment intact after attorneys for his ex-wife, Amber Heard, asked the judge to set aside the verdict on multiple grounds, including an apparent case of mistaken identity with one of the jurors.

In court papers filed Monday, Depp’s lawyers dispute arguments from Heard’s team that the jury’s verdict was nonsensical and unfounded. They also say that the Heard team’s complaints about the juror’s identity are irrelevant.

Last month, a civil jury in Fairfax awarded $10.35 million to Depp after they found he was defamed by Heard when she wrote a 2018 op-ed piece in The Washington Post about domestic violence.

The jury also awarded $2 million to Heard on her counterclaim that she was defamed by one of Depp’s attorneys after he called her allegations a hoax.

Heard’s lawyers filed motions earlier this month asking the judge to toss out the verdicts on a variety of legal theories.

On Monday, Depp’s lawyers filed their response. They argue that there was nothing inconsistent in the fact that the jury awarded judgments in favor of both Depp and Heard. They said the jury verdict form allowed jurors to be very specific about which statements were libelous, and that the verdict makes sense when you look at the specific statements cited by the jury.

As for the confusion over the juror’s identity, Depp’s lawyers say it’s too late for Heard’s team to object. According to court papers, a summons went out to a 77-year-old man. But the man who responded in his place was his 52-year-old son, who has the same name and lives at the same address.

Depp’s lawyers argue that if Heard’s team had concerns, they should have spoken up at the time because it was apparent that the man who served was not 77 years old, even though court paperwork described him as such.

Judge Penney Azcarate has not yet indicated if she plans to hold a hearing to hear arguments on the motions to set aside the verdict.

The verdict in Depp’s favor in Virginia came about two years after a similar trial in the United Kingdom in which Depp sued a British tabloid after he was described as a “wife beater.” The judge in that case ruled in the newspaper’s favor in 2020 after finding that Heard was telling the truth in her descriptions of abuse.

Jurors in the Virginia case were not told that the judge in the British case had ruled against Depp.

At ‘Funny Girl,’ Lea Michele is in, Beanie Feldstein is out

NEW YORK (AP) — Lea Michele has been tapped to step in and lead the Broadway revival of the beleaguered “Funny Girl” this fall, an announcement made just hours after current star Beanie Feldstein revealed she was leaving the musical sooner than anticipated due to the show taking a “different direction.”

The high-profile casting change rocked the Broadway community and represents another step toward a return to the spotlight and respectability for Michele after former “Glee” castmates in 2020 accused the actor of behavior that was interpreted as racist and bullying.

Michele, who started her career on Broadway and starred in the original “Spring Awakening” recently returned to the work with the documentary “Spring Awakening: Those You’ve Known.” In many ways, her ascension to playing Ziegfeld Follies comedian Fanny Brice — the role Barbra Streisand famously played on film — was foreshadowed by Michele singing several “Funny Girl” songs during the run of “Glee.”

After the show’s formal announcement, Michele hailed her next career step, saying “a dream come true is an understatement” on Instagram. She did not mention Feldstein.

Broadway is usually known for its quiet, seamless transitions after A-list stars depart shows — in part to protect multimillion-dollar shows — indicating that the backstage machinations at “Funny Girl” have been strained at best.

Michele

In an extraordinary step, Feldstein took to social media Sunday to say that while playing the heroine of “Funny Girl” was a “lifelong dream,” she could no longer continue due to choices by producers and would leave early, on July 31.

“Once the production decided to take the show in a different direction, I made the extremely difficult decision to step away sooner than anticipated,” she wrote. Her Instagram post was notably liked by Broadway veteran Ramin Karimloo, who plays Brice’s love interest in “Funny Girl” and is staying on.

Fanny Brice standby Julie Benko will perform the title role from Aug. 2–Sep. 4 — and every Thursday beginning Sept. 8 — and Michele will step in starting Sept. 6.

That is also the date four-time Tony Award nominee Tovah Feldshuh will replace Emmy-winner Jane Lynch as Brice’s mother, meaning there will be no Broadway reunion of “Glee” castmates Michele and Lynch.

Feldstein has missed several performances in recent weeks, including a weekend matinee. Last month, she missed a string of shows due to a positive COVID-19 test. She had previously said she would depart the show Sept. 25, but now won’t last past the end of July.

Fanny is one of musical theater’s more difficult roles to cast, needing both a set of pipes, a sense of humor and a spunky charm, perhaps why it has only now been revived on theater’s biggest stage. Streisand starred in it on Broadway in 1964 and then won an Oscar in the 1968 film version.

The bittersweet comedy tells the tale of a Jewish girl from New York in the 1920s who went from burlesque to Broadway stages despite criticism that she wasn’t conventionally beautiful. “Funny Girl” is a musical that celebrates the oddballs, the kooky and the misfits, with Jule Styne-penned gems of songs like “Don’t Rain on My Parade,” “I’m the Greatest Star” and “People”

Feldstein, the “Booksmart” and “Lady Bird” actor, considered it one of theater’s highest honors to play Brice, telling The Associated Press in April that she tried not to think about it too much or she’d “explode.”

Reviews were mixed to poor, with many critics saying that while Feldstein brought excitement and spirit, her voice was simply not up to the task, with the Hollywood Reporter review saying “she never quite makes the material soar, and this is a rickety vehicle that needs a supernova to put gas in its tank.”

Boyfriend’s frequent ‘breaks’ define couple’s relationship

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, “Ashton,” is bisexual. After we have fights, he takes “breaks” and uses them to be with other men. He has several friends who are bisexual or transgender. He is presently in the closet about his status because he comes from a Christian family and lives in a highly conservative area.

He was still maintaining contact last year with his on-again, off-again boyfriend, “Will,” even though he swore nothing was going on between them. He always rushed back to Will or kept him on the side during his other relationships as well. I almost broke up with him four months ago over his hanging out with Will.

Now he wants his friend “Cody,” who is a transgender male, to stay with him for several days for an upcoming concert there. I’m in the process of moving to his area, but I don’t trust him not to have sexual relations outside of ours. My straight male friends have warned me not to trust him.

Should I break up with him because I don’t feel he respects his female partners as much as he does his male ones? It also seems like he has a double standard with sharing phone details. I share mine openly, but he isn’t as open with his, which leads me to think he’s still got someone else on the side. Yet he wants me to see only him. Help!

FRUSTRATED GIRL IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Because someone identifies as bisexual does not mean the person is incapable of being monogamous. Ashton, however, seems to use these “breaks” to consort solely with other males. He may be using you to hide his true orientation from his Christian family. None of this bodes well for your relationship. Listen to your friends. They may have more insight into Ashton’s character than you do.

P.S. People who hide their phones often have more going on than they are comfortable revealing. Consider this another red flag, and reconsider both the move and your romance with him.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a lifelong friend whose oldest child has always been led to believe that his stepmother is his mother. The stepmom has had two children of her own now, and it is clear that she treats her own kids far better. I recall example after example. When does the charade end?

I have been close friends with the kid’s dad since childhood, but that poor kid will feel betrayed when he finds out who his mother really is and that I was one of the adults who knew and kept it from him. He will be 18 soon. What can I do?

SILENCED IN THE WEST

DEAR SILENCED: Talk to the young man’s father. Point out that because of genetic testing, it’s only a matter of time until his son learns the truth about who his birth mother is, and it would be better if the news comes from his father.

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Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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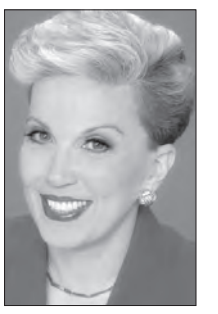

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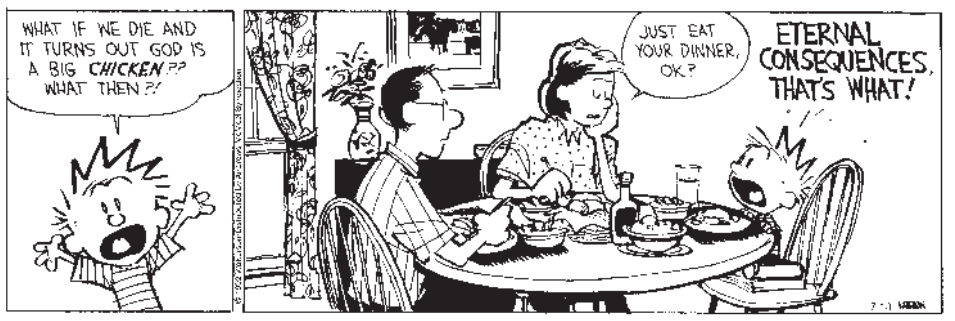

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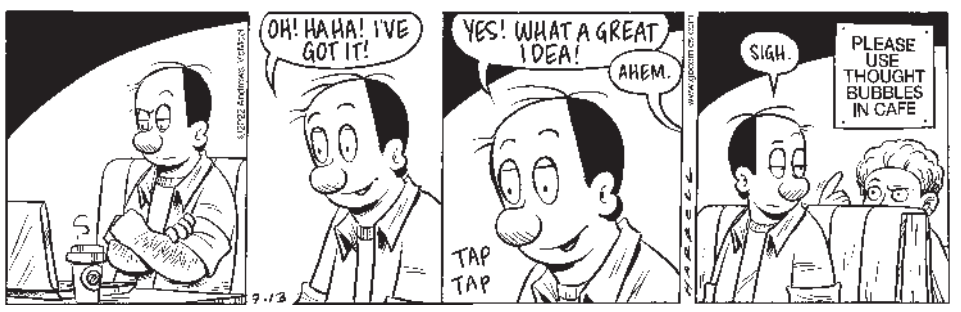

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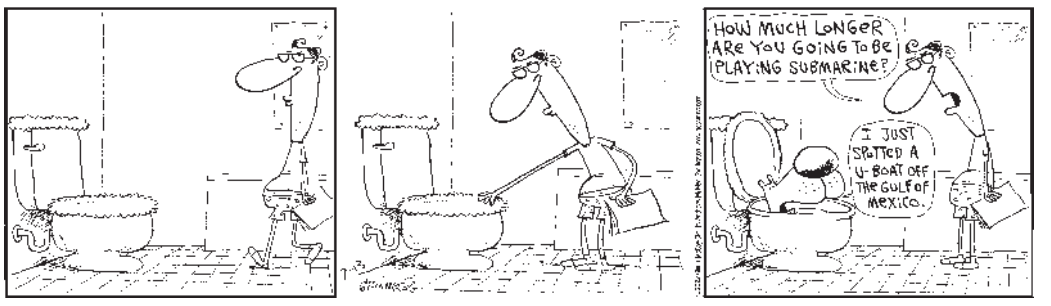

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By Eugene Sheffer

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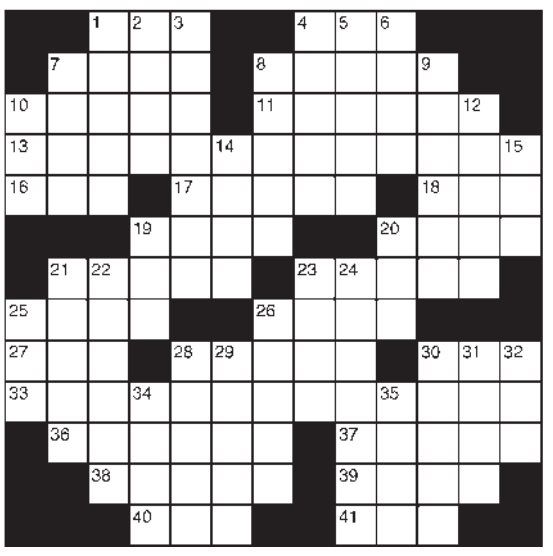

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Happy Birthday: Watch your intake. Choose quality over quantity this year, and you'll be happy with what unfolds. Declutter your life. Embrace transformation and encourage flexibility. Write your story and live life your way. Walk away from temptation, gluttony and toxic connections. Seize the moment and discover what makes you happy. Your numbers are 8, 12, 20, 24, 31, 38, 44.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Tread carefully. Not everyone will be on your side. Be aware of insincere gestures of friendliness. Don't react without sufficient evidence; take a moment to discover the truth firsthand before taking a step forward. ✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* A passionate path will take you where you want to go. It's OK to veer off in a direction that adds to your journey's flavor. Explore and discover, but also know when to say no. Follow your heart's desire. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* First, take care of money, contracts and medical issues. Set priorities that help support your efforts. A sustainable lifestyle will highlight your best traits. Be open, honest and reliable. Focus on reaching your objective. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Don't settle or take on too much. Evaluate your position and what others expect, and you'll come up with a rational alternative. Set boundaries, limit your spending and keep your emotions out of the workplace. Be honest with yourself and others. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Distance yourself from unreliable people. Consider what you want, then look at the best way to reach your target. Doing for yourself will promote discipline and help you get the best results. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* You'll be open to suggestions and get the support and help you need to fulfill your needs. Be creative with investments, contracts and how you handle health concerns. A change will spark your imagination. ✪✪✪✪✪s

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Make a point to study the broader view of whatever situation you face before narrowing things down to one common denominator. Say less and do more to avoid any potential issues. Be true to yourself. ✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Take charge before someone tries to take over. If change is required, start doing what's necessary to get to where you want to go. Advocate on your behalf, and make it clear to anyone who interferes to back off. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Set your sights on what you want, and don't stop until you are satisfied with what transpires. Joint ventures and shared money will require solid partnerships with no emotional strings attached. Set rules and keep communication flowing. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Be a good listener, and you'll know exactly how to have an impact on others. A change at home will help bring you closer to your desired lifestyle. The balance between work and play is essential if you want to excel. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Observation will reveal what's going on around you. Bide your time, watch for signs and symbols, and make plans geared toward better health and happiness. Express your feelings and intentions to someone you love and respect. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Offer help and you'll receive the same in return. Associate with people who share your concerns and you will gain ground together. Take the initiative to come up with and present a unique way to make improvements. Trust your instincts. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are outspoken, entertaining and unique. You are collaborative and engaging.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Last Tuesday's Answer

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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Elena Rybakina wins Wimbledon women's final for 1st Slam

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)—As "unexpectable" and "unbelievable" as Elena Rybakina found her Wimbledon championship to be and as "super happy" as she was about winning a Grand Slam title at age 23 and ranked 23rd, her immediate reaction to grabbing the last point of the final Saturday was as muted as possible.

She exhaled. She walked to the net to shake the hand of her opponent, No. 2-ranked Ons Jabeur. She allowed herself only the slightest of smiles as she looked up to glance at the excitement in the Centre Court guest box. No screams of joy. No jumps in the air. No collapse onto the grass.

"I need to teach her," the effusive Jabeur noted later, "how to celebrate really good."

It was not until more than two hours after the conclusion of her 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 victory over the No. 2-ranked Jabeur that Rybakina was overcome by the significance of it all, including earning the first singles trophy at a major tournament for her adopted country of Kazakhstan.

That moment of realization came when, during a news conference filled with questions about her lack of outward expression on court, a reporter asked what Rybakina thought her parents' reaction would be to this triumph. They were not on hand Saturday; she had not spoken to them yet.

AP

Kazakhstan's Elena Rybakina kisses the trophy as she celebrates after beating Tunisia's Ons Jabeur to win the final of the women's singles on day thirteen of the Wimbledon tennis championships in London, Saturday, July 9, 2022.

"Probably," she said, her eyes welling with tears, her face reddening, her hand placed over her mouth, "they're going to be super proud."

And then, after a pause, Rybakina joked: "You wanted to see emotion!"

This was the first Wimbledon women's final since 1962 between a pair of players both making a debut in a Grand Slam title match, and Rybakina acknowledged being nervous at the start. When she stepped into the sunshine filling the 100-year-old stadium, she did not wave to the spectators, the way Jabeur did. Instead, Rybakina kept a firm double-grip on the black-and-red straps of the racket bag slung over her shoulders.

And it was Jabeur who played better in the early going, handling Rybakina's strong serve and groundstrokes to break for a 2-1 edge.

Rybakina's miscues mounted. A volley into the net tape with the full court wide open. A netted forehand after Jabeur barely got a short return in. When another forehand off Rybakina's red racket went awry, Jabeur broke at love to take the opening set, yelled "Yalla!" — Arabic for "Let's go!" — and threw an uppercut as she walked to the sideline.

Jabeur, a 27-year-old from Tunisia, entered on a 12-match winning streak, all on grass courts, and was trying to become the first Arab or African woman to win a Slam singles title in the professional era, which dates to 1968.

"I just try to inspire as many generations as I can," said Jabeur, who had stored a photo of the Wimbledon women's singles trophy on her phone for inspiration. "I hope they're not really disappointed, but I'll try my best next time."

Rybakina was born in Moscow and has represented Kazakhstan since 2018, when that country offered her funding to support her tennis career. The switch has been a topic of conversation during Wimbledon, because the All England Club barred athletes who represent Russia or Belarus from entering the tournament due to the war in Ukraine.

The women's and men's tennis tours responded to that by withholding all ranking points from Wimbledon, meaning Rybakina will not get the bump up she would have in any other year.

"I didn't choose where I was born," Rybakina said. "People believed in me. Kazakhstan supported me so much."

Since the WTA computer rankings began in 1975, just one woman ranked lower than Rybakina has won Wimbledon — Venus Williams in 2007 at No. 31, although she had been No. 1 and already won three of her five career Wimbledon trophies.

By the second set, Rybakina, who beat Serena Williams at last year's French Open, began showing why she leads the tour in aces in 2022, why, as she put it, "It's effortless, the power I have."

Her first break chance finally arrived more than an hour in, and Rybakina converted it to go up 1-0 when Jabeur missed a forehand. After saving four break points over her next two service games, Rybakina broke again and soon led 5-1.

"I didn't play my best tennis, let's say, second and third set," said Jabeur, who leads the women's tour with 13 victories in three-setters this year. "She started to be more aggressive. I think she stepped in the court much more and put a lot of pressure on me."

Hitting her flat forehands deep into the court, never quite allowing Jabeur to regain her rhythm, Rybakina broke to begin the third. There was one last crucial moment: Jabeur, who uses as many spins and slices and variety as anyone in the game, parlayed a drop shot and a lob into love-40 on Rybakina's serve.

But Rybakina took the next five points, aided by a couple of 119 mph serves, to go up 4-2, then quickly broke again.

"Frustrating," Jabeur said.

Not much later, it was over.

"I didn't know what to do. It was shocking," Rybakina said, explaining that she was so "in shock" she didn't hear half of what the Duchess of Cambridge told her during the trophy ceremony.

"Maybe one day you will see huge reaction from me," she said with a smile, "but unfortunately not today."

Rybakina acknowledged afterward she didn't expect to get to the fortnight's second week, let alone the final weekend.

Now she is, and forever will be, a Grand Slam champion.

"It's difficult to describe now how I feel. But for sure, I'm going to remember these two weeks, especially today, forever," Rybakina said. "I mean, it's just something I will never forget."

Portis eager to prove his worth after getting big contract

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Milwaukee Bucks forward Bobby Portis says his new contract won't change the blue-collar approach that helped him earn the big payday.

After declining a $4.55 million player option to become a free agent, Portis agreed to a four-year, $49 million deal that keeps him in Milwaukee. But he takes issue with the notion that the long-term deal brings him a sense of security.

"My mindset is always going to be that someone is trying to take my spot and I have to go hard each and every day to show why I'm worth what I'm worth," Portis said Thursday.

Portis, 27, emerged as a fan favorite his first two seasons at Milwaukee and relished the opportunity to play for a contender. The 6-foot-10 forward had participated in just one playoff series his first five seasons in the league while playing for the Chicago Bulls, New York Knicks and Washington Wizards.

Chants of "Bobby! Bobby!" occurred regularly at Fiserv Forum in 2021 as Portis helped the Bucks win their first NBA title in half a century. They continued this past season as Portis averaged 14.6 points, 9.1 rebounds and 28.2 minutes to set career highs in all three categories.

Portis made a career-high 59 starts while filling in for Brook Lopez, who played just 13 regular-season games due to a back injury that required surgery. Portis returned to his usual bench role once Lopez returned in mid-March.

Fans love the tenacity he brings to the floor, playing as though every game could be his last.

"I'm never really secure," Portis said. "I'm always the underdog mindset, any day, anything can change. Just because they love you today, they might not love you tomorrow. That's always been my mindset in this league."

The return of Portis reflected the Bucks' desire to keep much of their nucleus intact as they attempt to win a second title in three years with a roster featuring two-time MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo, three-time All-Star Khris Middleton and Jrue Holiday. The Bucks didn't have an injured Middleton for their seven-game Eastern Conference semifinal loss to the Boston Celtics.

AP

Milwaukee Bucks forward Bobby Portis reacts after a dunk during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Boston Celtics, Thursday, April 7, 2022, in Milwaukee.

This week, Milwaukee announced the signings of guards Wesley Matthews and Jevon Carter along with the return of Portis. Pat Connaughton picked up his $5.7 million player option for the upcoming season rather than pursuing free agency.

The Bucks have added first-round draft pick MarJon Beauchamp and free-agent forward Joe Ingles, who is recovering from a torn ACL injury that ended his season in late January. The Bucks announced Thursday they signed Beauchamp, who was the No. 24 overall selection in the draft.

Portis is ready to work with his old and new teammates. Even after signing his big deal, he remains as motivated as ever.

"I'll always feel like I've got something to prove," Portis said. "Obviously I'm happy that I got a chance to build generational wealth for my family, but (there's) still a lot of work left to do and there's not time or need to celebrate."

Scherzer shines as Mets cool off Braves 4-1 in series opener

ATLANTA (AP) — In what he called "a measuring-stick win" in the opener of an NL East showdown, Max Scherzer was the difference-maker for the New York Mets.

Scherzer pitched seven strong innings, Luis Guillorme homered and drove in two runs, and the Mets beat Max Fried and the Atlanta Braves 4-1 on Monday night.

"They're a great team over there and you want to come out and play your best baseball," Scherzer said.

The right-hander was very close to his very best. Thanks to Scherzer's outstanding performance, the first-place Mets stretched their division lead over the Braves to 2 1/2 games.

"It makes it great when you have the guy behind you throwing zeros," Guillorme said. "Everybody knows one or two might be enough when he's in the game."

Pete Alonso also had two RBIs and Scherzer (6-1) gave up only three hits, including Austin Riley's 24th homer in the seventh. That cut the Mets' lead to 2-1, but Guillorme answered with his homer off Darren O'Day in the eighth.

All-Star closer Edwin Díaz, pitching for the third straight day, struck out the side in the ninth for his 19th save.

Former Mets second baseman Robinson Canó, obtained by Atlanta for $1 in a minor league deal with the San Diego Padres on Sunday, had two hits in his Braves debut.

Scherzer had nine strikeouts with no walks in his second consecutive impressive start after missing almost seven weeks because of an oblique injury. The right-hander threw six scoreless innings, allowing only two hits, with a season-high 11 strikeouts in a no-decision against Cincinnati last Tuesday.

"For the second time out, that was really, really good, I thought," Braves manager Brian Snitker said.

Scherzer did not feel any lingering effects from the oblique issue.

"I feel like the injury is really behind me now," he said.

The successful return of the three-time Cy Young Award winner boosts New York hopes it can hold off Atlanta, the defending World Series champion.

Mets manager Buck Showalter said Scherzer overcame the challenge of "facing a really good team on the road in an atmosphere that was conducive to the home team. He's a difference-maker."

The Mets led the Braves by 10 1/2 games on June 1, but the lead was cut to 1 1/2 entering the series. The Braves went 29-8 and the Mets were 19-16 in that span going into Monday night.

AP

New York Mets starting pitcher Max Scherzer works against the Atlanta Braves in the third inning of a baseball game, Monday, July 11, 2022, in Atlanta.

Through 6 2/3 innings, Canó had Atlanta's only hit off Scherzer, a single past Guillorme's glove at second base with two outs in the third.

Riley lined a homer over the left-field wall with two outs in the seventh, ending Scherzer's shutout bid. Marcell Ozuna followed with a double down the left-field line, but Scherzer pumped his right fist after striking out Eddie Rosario to end the inning.

Canó singled off Adam Ottavino with two outs in the eighth and moved to third on a double by Ronald Acuña Jr. Ottavino escaped on Dansby Swanson's groundout.

Fried (9-3) gave up two runs on five hits and five walks, matching his career high, in five innings. He also walked five batters in a 9-3 win over the Cubs on June 25, 2019.

Despite the walks, Fried has allowed no more than two earned runs in nine of his last 10 starts.

New York scored two runs in the third. Brandon Nimmo doubled and scored on Alonso's double to left field. Alonso scored on Guillorme's grounder.

Alonso added an RBI grounder in the ninth off Jackson Stephens to drive in Nimmo from third, increasing his major league-leading total to 72 RBIs.

Riley's homer was his third in three games. He ranks second in the National League and is tied for fourth in the majors with 24. It's the third streak of homers in three or more consecutive games in his career. Last season, he had homers in four straight games from July 27-30.

Guillorme hit only his second homer of the season. Each has come against Atlanta. He hit his third career homer on May 4 against the Braves in New York.

"Sometimes it's better to be lucky than good," Guillorme said. "I was just trying to put a good swing on the ball. ... It doesn't happen that often for me, but it's great when it does."

Padres 6, Rockies 5

In Denver, Manny Machado, Jake Cronenworth and C.J. Abrams hit 400-foot homers, and San Diego stopped a 10-game losing streak at Coors Field.

Cronenworth had three hits, including a 410-foot solo homer in the third inning. Machado's 446-foot solo homer made it 3-1 in the seventh, and Abrams' three-run drive in the eighth traveled 427 feet for a 6-2 lead.

Padres left-hander Sean Manaea (4-4) gave up five hits in 6 1/3 innings, departing after Randall Grichuk's homer got the Rockies within 3-2 in the seventh.

Connor Joe and Charlie Blackmon hit two-out RBI doubles in the ninth before Taylor Rogers got C.J. Cron to ground out for his 24th save in 29 chances.

The Padres had lost 10 of 14.

Colorado right-hander Jose Ureña (0-1) gave up two runs and seven hits in six innings.

Cardinals 6, Phillies 1

In St. Louis, Miles Mikolas pitched into the eighth inning for St. Louis, and Albert Pujols passed Stan Musial on the career extra-base hits list.

Mikolas (6-7) gave up six hits, including a first-inning homer by Rhys Hoskins, struck out five and walked none in 7 1/3 innings.

Corey Dickerson and Lars Nootbar homered for St. Louis.

The teams split the four-game series and are tied for the final NL wild card.

Philadelphia's Aaron Nola (6-6) was charged with five runs and seven hits in seven innings. He struck out seven and walked none.

Rays 10, Red Sox 5

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Yandy Díaz had three hits, scored three times and drove in three runs, sending Tampa Bay to the victory.

Díaz's 10th multihit game since June 26 raised his batting average to .500 (27 for 54) over his last 15 games.

Tampa Bay had dropped four of six, including a three-game series sweep at lowly Cincinnati over the weekend. Luke Bard (1-0) pitched three innings for his first win with the Rays.

J.D. Martinez, Xander Bogaerts and Alex Verdugo had two hits apiece for the Red Sox, who have given up 25 runs in losing their last three games against the Rays. Jake Diekman (4-1) was charged with the loss.

Guardians 8, White Sox 4

In Cleveland, rookie Nolan Jones drove in four runs in his home debut for Cleveland, leading the Guardians to the victory in the opener of a four-game series between the AL Central rivals.

Jones hit a two-run single in the first inning off Lance Lynn (1-2). He then chased the right-hander by driving home two more runs with a double in the fifth.

Back from a 1-6 road trip to Detroit and Kansas City, the Guardians staked Cal Quantrill (5-5) to a five-run lead in the first and moved back to .500 (42-42).

Yoán Moncada hit a three-run homer as the White Sox began an eight-game trip leading into the All-Star break.

Diamondbacks 4, Giants 3

In San Francisco, Ketel Marte and his tender left hamstring beat out a throw to key a rally in Arizona's 4-3 win over San Francisco.

Marte edged out a throw to first in the third inning on an attempted double play to get things going. Daulton Varsho hit a two-run single four batters later, and David Peralta and Sergio Alcántara also singled in runs as Arizona did just enough to back Merrill Kelly (8-5) in his second consecutive win.

Kelly pitched two-run ball over seven innings. Mark Melancon closed it out against his former club for his 12th save.

Alex Cobb (3-4), facing Arizona at home for the first time, saw his winless stretch reach seven starts since he won at Colorado on May 17. He gave up three runs in six innings.

Rangers 10, Athletics 8

In Arlington, Texas, Corey Seager homered in a career-best fourth consecutive game, and Texas rookie Josh Smith's first big league homer was an inside-the-park shot.

Seager led off the fifth inning with his 20th homer. Smith's one-out liner in the sixth skipped past sliding center fielder Ramón Laureano and rolled to the warning track. The speedy leadoff hitter slid headfirst across the plate easily ahead of the throw, pausing on his belly briefly before getting up and smiling.

Laureano, Sheldon Neuse and Chad Pinder homered for Oakland. Adrián Martínez (2-2) allowed six runs — four earned — in 4 1/3 innings in his fourth career start.

Spencer Howard (1-1) pitched five effective innings for Texas. Brett Martin worked the ninth for his third save.

Royals 3, Tigers 1, game 1
Royals 7, Tigers 3, game 2

In Kansas City, Mo., Bobby Witt Jr. had his first career four-hit game along with three RBIs to help Kansas City finish a doubleheader sweep.

In the opener, Brad Keller (5-9) tossed seven strong innings for the Royals and rookie Vinnie Pasquantino homered. Scott Barlow earned his 14th save with a scoreless ninth.

Witt had a hit in each of the first three innings in the late game, giving him six hits for the doubleheader. He scored twice and stole three bases on the day.

Detroit starter Alex Faedo (1-5) recorded just five outs in the second game. Angel Zerpa (1-0) earned his first major league win with two innings of scoreless relief.

The Tigers have lost four straight.

Injured Royals infielder Whit Merrifield didn't play, ending his consecutive games streak at a franchise-record 553. Merrifield exited Sunday's game with right toe discomfort.

In the doubleheader opener, Pasquantino connected against Michael Pineda (2-4). It was his second career homer, both against Pineda, and both on the first pitch in the fourth inning.

Pirates 5, Marlins 1

In Miami, Mitch Keller pitched seven effective innings and Jake Marisnick homered, leading Pittsburgh to the victory.

Keller (3-6) allowed one run and five hits in his longest outing of the season. Yerry De Los Santos struck out four in 1 1/3 innings for his third save.

Diego Castillo drove in two runs and Kevin Newman had three hits for the Pirates, who won their third straight.

Avisaíl García hit an RBI single in the sixth for Miami. Trevor Rogers (4-8) was charged with three runs, two earned, and six hits in 5 1/3 innings.

National team to conduct free baseball clinics

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The Saipan Baseball League in collaboration with the CNMI National Baseball Team will be hosting a free two-day baseball clinic on Friday, July 15, and Saturday, July 16, from 9am to 3pm at the Francisco "Tan'Ko" M. Palacios Baseball Field.

Josh Jones, John Peter Sablan, and Franko Nakamura of the CNMI National Baseball Team will be teaching the three holistic skills that are primary in baseball which are pitching, hitting, and defense.

The clinic is limited to the first 35 players per age group for the under 18- to 16-year-old and the under 15- to 13-year-old groups.

Day 1 of the clinic will be demonstrations on pitching and defense and day two will be focused on hitting and scrimmage.

Josh Jones, winningest pitcher of the baseball tourney during the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022, told *Saipan Tribune* that his mission with the clinic is "to provide a fun, positive baseball experience; to provide children with positive role models at our life skills station, where we talk to them about substance abuse, stress the importance of education, and help them recognize they have the ability to make positive decisions; and, to teach young ballplayers the game's fundamentals in a multi-station format."

He added, "I want our kids to handle failure—doesn't matter what sport it is and how good you are. You have to lose your fear with failure. Failure is part of the process. People who fail never try. You have to fail! You have to get it wrong to get it right. You learn nothing from winning, you only learn from your failures, and that's how hard work and dedication takes place."

"It will be amazing watching a young player leave the field a better player, but more importantly, a better person overall. Our goal is [to] build back up, preserve, and protect what is best about the game for the NMI baseball community," said the lefty pitcher.

Separately, SBL president, Jay Santos previously told Saipan Tribune that the youth's interest in baseball is high when the University of Guam came out for their clinic last May and a lot of children under 17 years old came out.

Santos also pointed out the interest and excitement the youth had when they came out to watch the baseball games during the Northern Marianas Pacific Games 2022, and some were seen at the sides of the field playing catch.

"There are a lot of young boys that want to play baseball," said Santos. He's hopeful that youth baseball will be up and running again soon.

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres hands out the golden bat and gift certificate to CNMI National Baseball Team player Franko Nakamura after he had the lone home run of the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 during the Team NMI Celebration Dinner last Thursday at Kensington Resort.

Beer Mile early bird registration extended

Run Saipan's Beer Mile early bird registration has been extended until July 17.

Aug. 5 has been designated International Beer Day and Run Saipan is celebrating the occasion with its Inaugural Beer Mile.

This event combines the fun of a backyard barbecue with the thrill of a mile long race!

Join Run Saipan for the very first Run Saipan Beer Mile, sponsored by Michelob Ultra and hosted by Saipan Country Club. The Run Saipan Beer Mile is redefining carbo-loading!

The rules are simple: Drink one beer, run 400m, drink another beer, run 400m, drink a third beer, Run 400m, drink a fourth beer and then take another 400m loop to finish the course.

Pace yourselves: those who drink too fast or run too hard and lose part of their drinks on the course will have to run an additional lap to finish the race.

Finisher medals for the first 100 registrants to finish the course. Come into the Tiki Bar after the race for some good running stories and a chance to show off your new medals.

Run Saipan reminds you to drink responsibly and not operate a motor vehicle when under the influence. ***(PR)***

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Run Saipan will award Beer Mile finisher medals for the first 100 registrants to finish the course.

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litical dynamics of the region resulted in the sporting event being shelved until the CNMI revived it as the Micronesian Games in 1990 on Saipan.

And you bet, Coldeen had a hand in the Micronesian Olympics/Micronesian Games making a comeback.

"…in 1988 I wrote a letter to Gov. Pete P. Tenorio, recommending he revive the Micro Olympics in 1989 for its 20th year anniversary. He agreed but we couldn't get it done by then. That's why the Micronesian Games resumed on Saipan in 1990. Due to trademark infringement, the word Olympics was changed to Games."

While everyone already knows that the CNMI actually balked at hosting the 2022 Mini Games after being hit by back-to-back super typhoons, Coldeen disclosed that the 2006 Micro Games on Saipan also almost suffered the same fate after then governor Benigno R. Fitial wanted to cancel it due to austerity measures being implemented at the time.

"I feared that would be their death warrant and would be the end of them forever. That required some tough closed-door meetings. To his everlasting credit, governor Fitial reversed his decision and the Games went on successfully… That was significant because it gave the [Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association] confidence to ask the Pacific Games Council to host the Mini Games."

NMASA is the precursor of the Northern Marianas Sports Association.

Coldeen then went on to congratulate all the local athletes that took part in the Mini Games that saw the CNMI medal in all sporting events and finish third in the medal standings with 16 gold medals, 13 silver, and nine bronze.

"I salute Team NMI and all nine federations for their excellence. All nine prepared their athletes well, with medals to show for it. All nine had their venues in tip-top shape, with nothing but praises from our visitors to show for it."

But he reserved his highest praise to the CNMI National Baseball Team, who for Coldeen was the Games' best team and its star pitcher, Josh Jones, its best athlete.

"At the end of the competition, each chef de mission, was asked to submit nominations for special awards to be selected by the Pacific Games Council. For the record, I nominated Joshua Jones as top male athlete and NMI Baseball as best team…Most people wanted to go see the best. Most people went to see baseball. Therefore, baseball was the best."

Coldeen ended his message by presenting golf's Zhimin Jin with the Outstanding Female Junior Athlete of Pacific Mini Games 2022 trophy. The 15-year-old from Marianas High School won the women's gold of the Games.

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eye-opener."

"Everybody wants to shoot for gold, but we're happy with the results we got. It was a good eye-opener because we found out that even against the Top 2 teams that our skill level was not that far—we were sort of at a speed deficit. But it's just something you need to learn and you need experience. We can only grow from here and we will only get better from here on out," said Guerrero about the performance of the team.

It was just the second international competition for the CNMI badminton team, the first was in the 2019 Pacific Games in Apia, Samoa.

For now, badminton is not in the program for the 2023 Honiara Pacific Games, but Guerrero hopes it will be in "because we would really like to be in the Pacific Games and get as much play time and exposure as we can."

In the future, the badminton team will be competing in Australia, "so we need to start working hard as soon as we can and make those adjustments on those mistakes that we made and we'll be ready for them," said Guerrero.

The CNMI's Janelle Pangilinan and Jenine Savellano gave the CNMI a bronze medal in badminton after beating Tahiti's Hortensia Manzanal and Waianuhea Teheura, 21-12 21-9, in women's doubles.

Also making up the CNMI National Badminton Team are team captain Nathan Guerrero, Andreau Galvez, Jordan Pangilinan, siblings Ezekiel and Daniel Macario, Leonard Isaiah Manuel, the aforementioned Pangelinan and Savellano, Jeanelyn Cardinio, Windy Ann Fernandez, and sisters Michaella and Mikamaika Serrano. The team was coached by James Digno and assistant coaches Paulo Quidato and Patricia Surima.

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The CNMI women's national coach for the just concluded Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 attributed her win to the experience she obtained during the quadrennial event.

"Of course, coaching broadened my horizons in many ways."

While playing conditions weren't ideal as the golf resort was aerating the course, Togawa said she had fun playing on the east course again after a long absence.

A total of 15 golfers took part in the CWGA July tournament. The rest were Sherlyn Jones (net 75), Janet Torres (net 76), Lou Kim (net 78), Lydia Tan (net 81), Mio Kim (net 81), Rose Rohringer (net 85), Betty Bai (gross 95), Nana Liu (gross 98), Kattie Long (gross 103), Emily Qiu (gross 104), and Quennei (gross 105).

CWGA's next monthly tournament will be on Aug. 8 at the Coral Ocean Resort golf course.

The club continues to look for new members as the season continues. For those interested in becoming a member of CWGA or for more information, contact CWGA president Yuko Togawa.

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Chef de mission plays connect the dots

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Bob Coldeen, the chef de mission of the CNMI delegation in the recent Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022, said the islands' successful hosting of the quadrennial event wouldn't have happened if the former Trust Territory capital didn't host the Micronesian Olympics in 1969 and subsequently the Micronesian Games 37 years later in 2006.

"[In] 1973 I played some pickup baseball in Chuuk where I heard about their incredible gold medal game against Palau in 1969 at the Micro Olympics here.

Later on Saipan, I asked Tan Ko Palacios if he saw that game. He said he was the scorekeeper. I said, 'wow.' He said, 'I still have the scoresheets.' I said, 'wow.' With that, I could write a story. And as I was doing that I learned all about the Micro Olympics, how its significance went beyond fun and games, how they were used to connect peoples and cultures, an excuse to get together," he said during Thursday's Team NMI Celebration Dinner last Thursday at Kensington Resort.

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The former sports broadcaster said the Micronesian Olympics was supposed to be every four years, but apathy and the changing po-

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Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 chef de mission Bob Coldeen delivers his speech during the Team NMI Celebration Dinner last Thursday at Kensington Resort.

'Pressure on badminton to medal'

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All eyes were on badminton in the final day of competition as they were the last sport yet to medal for host CNMI in the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022, and with that, the pressure was on.

Team manager and Northern Marianas Badminton Association president, Merlie Tolentino, said that coming into the competition, whatever happened as long as they played their best, they were happy, but since badminton was the last sport to finish and all the other sports NMI joined had medals already, "there was pressure at the end" to win.

"But overall, it was fantastic. It was an awesome experience for the badminton players on the island," added Tolentino.

Nate Guerrero, team captain for the CNMI National Badminton Team, said "overall, it was a really good experience. It was a really good

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NMPMG/MICHAEL JORNAL
The CNMI's Janelle Pangilinan and Jenine Savellano in action during the badminton competition of the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Yuko makes it back-to-back wins

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
CNMI Women's Golf Association members pose for a group photo during their July tournament last Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort east course.

Veteran golfer Yuko Togawa beat two others via a scorecard tiebreak to win the July tournament of the CNMI Women's Golf Association last Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort east course.

Togawa, a 5-handicapper, finished tied with Chang Eun Ae and Terry Guerrero with identical net scores of 72, but the latter eventually took the monthly plum due to her superior handicap.

The July winner built her net 72 after starting off with a 41 in the front nine. She then dazzled with a par 36 in the last nine holes for a 77 gross. Ae took second place after firing 45-43 for a gross score of 88, while Guerrero settled for third after submitting a 45-45 for a pre-handicap score of 90.

Togawa said she was lucky to finish tied for the lead and fortunate to come out as No. 1 for the month after the tiebreaker was calculated.

"All the members could compete according to the U.S. Golf Association handicap and challenge while enjoying the difference in handicap. It was a match that felt the fairness of this handicap," she said.

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